

REVOLT RIPENING

Arrival of Steamer Classmate in Venezuela.

CARRIES EQUIPMENT OF AN ARMY.

Revolutionists Succeeded in Getting the Contraband Goods Safely Ashore—General Vonag and Cabell among Those Landed—Command of Revolutionary Forces Turned Over to General Monagas.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—A cipher cablegram received at the headquarters of the Venezuelan revolutionary party in this city last night told of the safe arrival in Venezuela of the steamer Classmate, a filibustering expedition.

The Classmate left New York Dec. 10, carrying arms and ammunition enough to equip an army. This cargo, according to the cablegram, was safely landed Dec. 10 in a secluded spot on the Venezuelan coast, about three miles from Maritima. A detachment of 250 revolutionists, under command of General Jose Amador, met the Classmate and assisted in getting the contraband goods ashore.

The Classmate carried, among others, General Domingo Monagas and R. G. Gandy.

Monagas is said to be the real head of the present revolution.

The steamer arrived off Grenada last Saturday night and anchored to receive advice and await an opportunity for landing in Venezuela. While anchored a schooner came alongside with a large supply of arms, provisions and other necessities. These were transferred to the Classmate, which then steamed slowly and cautiously toward Maritima. Nearing the latter place several government vessels were observed patrolling the coast, going west. They did not, however, molest the Classmate.

The expedition was advised that 500 government troops under General Marcano were encamped near Maritima. The landing, however, was made with such secrecy that the presence or intent of the Classmate was not suspected, and as soon as they disembarked the rebels went to the mountains without being observed.

General Amador, who had been in command of the revolutionary forces of the east during the absence of General Monagas, turned over the command to the latter as soon as the expedition was safely ashore.

FEDERATION OF LABOR

Committee on Eight Hour Movement Make a Report.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—At the session of the Federation of Labor yesterday George E. McNeill of Boston of the committee on the eight hour question made a report. It was to the effect that a general movement in favor of the eight hour workday was deemed unwise, but that the executive committee should select one or more of the organizations to begin the contest for an eight-hour day. Labor and not capital should determine the length of the workday, and labor should be unswayed by the threats of the police captains or the power of the courts. The report was approved.

NEW LINE OF BUSINESS.

Express Agent Indicted for Wholesaling Liquor Without a License.

OMAHA, Dec. 14.—C. I. Humeston, indicted for wholesaling liquor without a government license, was tried yesterday in federal court. He is the agent for the Adams Express company at Hastings and it is really that company which is in trouble. The evidence shows that certain liquor dealers in Hastings were in the habit of giving orders for beer to the express company, when they needed it, and the local agent would send these orders to the office of his company at Lincoln, where they were filed. The jury has not returned a verdict yet.

Alexandria Glass Factory Betterments.

ANDERSON, Ind., Dec. 14.—President Dosey of the American Plate Glass company yesterday announced that \$100,000 will be expended on the Alexandria factory in adding a polishing department and more steam power. President Dosey further says that the American company will go into no trust, and that it will not slash prices.

Should Have Killed Himself First.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 14.—Max Goodrich, 35, in a fit of jealous rage shot his young wife Bertha in the abdomen at their home and then sent a bullet crashing through his own brain. The wife is in the hospital in a dying condition. Goodrich died instantly. He is said to have been insanely jealous of his wife.

Southern Populists Favor Free Silver.

KNOXVILLE, Dec. 14.—Populists in the south have decided to commence an active free-silver campaign and form leagues in every county. They will commence in Knoxville Dec. 21, when J. S. Coxey will speak.

Highlander Hanged.

FOISON, Cal., Dec. 14.—Chin Hane, a notorious Chinese highlander, and for years the terror of the Chinese quarter in Sacramento, was hanged at the state prison here for the murder of Lee Gung, a cigar merchant.

Mrs. Howell Acquitted.

WELLSBORO, Pa., Dec. 14.—Mrs. Charlotte Howell was acquitted of the murder of Miss Libbie Knapp. The trial has been one of the most sensational in the history of crime in this commonwealth.

Resigned Because of Municipal Scandals.

MADRID, Dec. 14.—The minister of works, Senor Bosch, has resigned from the cabinet in order to clear himself from charges connected with the municipal scandals over the misgovernment of Madrid, which are agitating the public mind.

FIGHTING IN CUBA.

Reported Defeat of Gomez and Maceo at Manacacas.

HAVANA, Dec. 11.—The columns of troops commanded by Generals Oliver and Palanca and others are moving toward Manacacas and forming a circle around the main body of insurgents, commanded by Gomez and Maceo, in the province of Santa Clara.

A dispatch from Santa Clara says that the troops commanded by General Oliver have fought and routed the insurgent forces commanded by Maximo Gomez and Antonio Maceo at Manacacas. The dispatch also says that the insurgents have entered the town of Sigüenza not far from the battlefield, and that the columns of troops commanded by General Oliver, and two other columns are in pursuit of the insurgents. No further details of the fighting were given.

FACULTY OBJECTS.

Law Class of Missouri State University Want to Hear Ingersoll.

COLUMBIA, Mo., Dec. 14.—The senior law class of the State university a few days ago appointed a committee to extend an invitation to Colonel R. G. Ingersoll to deliver an address commencing next week. The faculty brought great pressure to bear on the students to secure a withdrawal of the invitation.

"We are awaiting developments," said the chairman of the committee, "and though we expect to send the invitation we have not yet done so."

It was given out by the university faculty yesterday unofficially, that Ingersoll will not be permitted to have a place on the university commencement program.

SHOT AND ROBBED.

Indians Committing Depredations in Various Parts of the Country.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Dec. 14.—It is reported that two murders were found yesterday beside the trail between White Oaks and Scurritilla. One was dead and the other mortally wounded. The latter stated that they had been ambushed by 11 Indians, shot and robbed. The band is said to have been committing depredations in various parts of the territory. They are thought to be Apaches from the San Carlos agency.

SCHLATTER, THE HEALER.

Passes Through Taos Valley. Blows Handkerchiefs and Cures Many People.

SANTA FE, Dec. 14.—Francis Schlatter, "the healer," reached Santa Cruz yesterday afternoon, 30 miles north of here. Passing through Taos valley on Wednesday he was met and followed by several hundred people. At the village of Ranchitos de Taos 500 people assembled to greet him. He blessed handkerchiefs and cured many persons. There is great excitement here over Schlatter's probable advent today.

Methodist General Conference.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 14.—The special committee which has the final decision of when the Methodist general conference will be held next year met in Cleveland yesterday. They received satisfactory assurance that the necessary preparations for the big meeting were well under way, and will meet in Cleveland again Feb. 10.

Charged with Receiving Stolen Bodies.

TOPEKA, Dec. 11.—Criminal proceedings were begun in the district court yesterday against three of the prominent physicians connected with the Kansas Medical college. Drs. Menney, McGee and C. S. McClintock. Warrants were served on them charging them with receiving the three stolen bodies.

Refused to Join the Flour Trust.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 14.—Faist, Kraus & Company again declined to rejoin the milling trust and an effort was made to secure the consent of the millers present to enter into a new compact with the scounders, but without success. Manager Heywood departed for Chicago to confer with flour jobbers there.

Claim the Town.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 14.—Five heirs of Peter Cassidy at Princeton, Ill., have sued for the site of South Omaha. The litigation involves nearly \$1,000,000. They base their claim on a technicality in the original transfer of the land, years ago, when it was of little value.

Premature Blast.

KNOXVILLE, Dec. 14.—By a premature explosion of powder and dynamite four men were killed at La Follette, Campbell county. Four other men are missing and their bodies are being searched for in the mass of earth and rock that was dislodged by the explosion.

Norfolk Flooded.

NOERFOLK, Dec. 14.—The lower section of the city was badly flooded yesterday, the results of the terrific northeast gales reigning in this region for the past week. The weather bureau has issued warnings to detain all shipping in the harbor.

Abe Taylor Hanged.

CANON CITY, Colo., Dec. 13.—Abe Taylor was hanged at 8:30 last evening for the murder of City Marshal Emerson about two years ago while the latter was trying to arrest him for theft.

Another Revolution in Ecuador.

BUENOS AYRES, Dec. 14.—Advices have been received here from Quito that a counter revolution has broken out in Ecuador against the successful insurgent General Alvar.

Tolson and Confederate Navies.

MADRID, Dec. 14.—The second volume of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Navies in the War of the Rebellion has just come from the press and will be ready for issue in a few days.

A STATE OF SIEGE.

All the Embassies Preparing For the Worst.

STATEMENT OF AN ARMENIAN.

Former Resident of America Placed in Solitary Confinement and Cruelly Tortured—Property Provided by the Relief Committee Destroyed by Kurds Under Sultan's Orders—Relief Difficult.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—A dispatch from Constantinople says that all the embassies are practically preparing for a state of siege.

The Daily News publishes a statement on oath made in London by an Armenian named Aslanian, who was sent to New York by the Anglo-Armenian association yesterday. Aslanian says that he has lived in America formerly, and that he left New York in the beginning of September to rejoin his wife. On his arrival in Constantinople he was thrown into prison, although he had a regular passport. While there, which was during the recent disturbances, he witnessed a horrible scene, hundreds of Armenians being brought into the prison and deliberately killed.

On the following day Aslanian was put in irons and was catechized regarding his supposed associates who had come from America for revolutionary purposes. Upon pleading ignorance of this he was tortured with a truncheon, beaten upon the shoulders, thighs and legs, causing agony. This was repeated on seven different occasions. He was placed in solitary confinement and other prisoners were similarly treated.

When the delegates from the embassies came to inspect the prison they displayed the marks of their beating, "but," Aslanian continued, "fearing vengeance, said they were due to rheumatism and begged for my release. Four days later I was released."

Amid the Ruins.

BOSTON, Dec. 14.—A letter received here from an American in Constantinople says: "By order of the sultan the Kurds have destroyed all the houses and other property so carefully provided for by the relief committee at Bassoun, and have killed or scattered all the wretched survivors of the massacre. The question of getting relief to these people is a difficult one. Even if the money comes in it can not be trusted to the posts in large amounts, for the Turks will send men to rob the posts as soon as they find out what is being done. It can not be sent on by draft, because the bankers are all stripped and dependent for their daily bread. The intention of the government here is to prevent aid, if possible, and so have the greater leverage to force the Christians to become Mohammedans."

NEW COUNTERFEIT.

The Shover Believed to Be a Fresh Hand at the Business.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The secret service officials have discovered a new counterfeit \$20 United States note of the series of 1890, with the portrait of Hamilton, poorly engraved. The paper shows red ink lines in imitation of silk fiber. The lettering is very poor. Nineteen of the notes were found on the person of Louis Smith, who has been arrested at Toledo, where he had already passed five of them. He is believed to be new in the business.

Democratic National Convention.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 14.—W. F. Harney, chairman of the Democratic national committee, requested the secretary of the committee to notify the members thereof to assemble in Washington on Jan. 10 next for the purpose of selecting the time and place for holding the next Democratic national convention.

Gold in Argentina.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—A special from Buenos Ayres says: Great excitement has been created here by the discovery of rich gold deposits near Mendoza. An American firm is interested. The ore taken out has proved to be remarkably rich. That part of it brought to the government assayer ran 35 ounces to the ton.

Did Any Get Away?

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Dec. 14.—The special grand jury which has been in session here for eight days has adjourned after finding 327 indictments. Of this number all the parties live in this city, and is the largest number of indictments ever made by a West Virginia grand jury.

Big Boats at Canal Bluffs.

OMAHA, Dec. 14.—Five in the whole set of 100 Council Bluffs destroyed over \$500,000 worth of property. A wind was blowing at the time, making the work of the women very difficult. The total loss is calculated at not less than \$500,000 and will probably reach \$750,000.

The "Chop" That Means No Working.

WHITEHARBOR, Pa., Dec. 14.—Miss Pearl Barton, the young girl who has been asleep for two days, died without awakening. The doctors are unable to say what the exact cause of death was, but attribute it to weakness, which induced heart failure.

Will Go to the Penitentiary.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Dec. 14.—Fugitive John M. Bughman, who, in company with another tough, made a murderous assault on Editor Yowell of The Times, has been convicted and will be sent to the penitentiary.

Death of General Rayall.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Brevet Brigadier General Wm. B. Rayall, U. S. A., retired, died at his residence in this city yesterday, aged 75 years.

RELIEF FOR ARMENIANS.

American Red Cross Society Will Superintend Its Distribution.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The American Red Cross society has decided to accept the duty of distributing the relief funds for the Armenian sufferers, and has issued the following statement:

Owing to the unanimous and urgent appeals from the friends of humanity, representing not only all the people of this country, the American Red Cross has decided that it must accept the sacred trust of endeavoring to relieve the starving Armenians in Asia Minor. According to conservative estimates there are 2,000,000 utterly destitute in that country, who will have to be assisted in or eight months—until next harvest.

Fully realizing the difficulties and dangers to be met, the Red Cross will start for Turkey as soon as sufficient funds are placed at its disposal, or guaranteed, to insure success. Funds may be sent to Miss Clara Barton, president and treasurer of the American National Red Cross, Washington, D. C.

Authorized agents to receive funds and materials will be published in a few days. The Red Cross also suggests that goods, grain and other material may be sent by chartered steamers.

AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS.

CLARA BARTON, President.

FRIGHTFUL WEATHER.

Coastwise and Ocean Steamers Encounter Severe Storms.

ST. JOHN, N. F., Dec. 14.—Incoming shipping reports frightful weather. The steamer Uluda from Liverpool never met such storms before. The coastwise steamers have been unable to leave the harbors for 26 hours. The schooner Effie Lake is ashore at Bay Bulls. The steamer Portia, running between New York, Halifax and this point, is 28 hours overdue from Halifax, and must have been driven out to sea and has probably broken down. Much apprehension is felt here about her.

Low Railroad Rates.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—A sweeping reduction in rates has been announced by the Southern Railway company to the Atlanta exposition from Washington and other points on its lines. Tickets on sale Dec. 10 to 25 inclusive, good five days from date of sale, the rate from Washington being \$3.75 for the round trip, a distance of 1,200 miles.

Charge Reduced.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—In the case of Richard Collier, arrested at the instance of the Southern Pacific for riding on a ticket issued in the name of Wm. H. McPhee, Police Judge Conland reduced the charge to a misdemeanor and Collier pleaded guilty and paid a fine of \$10.

Stonemasons Win.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The strike of the stonemasons which began on Tuesday has been declared off. The result is a victory for the men. About 1,000 men were on strike and most of them went back to work. The strike was for \$3 a day of eight hours.

Alleged Filibusters Acquitted.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The state department received a dispatch stating that the 21 Cubans on trial in Nassau, on the charge of conducting a filibustering expedition from this country, were acquitted after a trial lasting only 10 minutes.

Republican Senate Caucus.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The Republican senate caucus committee, after a prolonged session, expressed the opinion that they would be able to report the Republican membership of the senate committees to the Republican caucus on Monday.

Session of Joint Traffic Association.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The board of managers of the Joint Traffic association held a prolonged executive session yesterday. The nine systems in the board were represented.

A Dangerous Plaything.

LEBANON, Ind., Dec. 14.—Ellis Price let his little girl play with a revolver, she pulled the trigger and killed her 3-year-old brother.

Hon. Carl Schurz President.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The National Civil Service Reform League today elected Hon. Carl Schurz president for the ensuing year.

A Heavy Blow.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 14.—A gale with an average velocity of 40 miles an hour and increasing in force is reported along the coast from Sandy Hook to Cape Henry.

IMPORTANT NEWS PELLETS.

Quality, Not Quantity, Is What You Get From This Dispensary.

Judge Thomas L. Nugent, prominent Populist of Texas, is dying.

Tim Nichols, colored, was legally hanged at Fayetteville, Va., for murder.

It is thought the resignation of the Spanish minister of justice may hasten Cuban action only.

The American Federation of Labor will memorialize congress in favor of postal savings banks.

Lord Dunsany is coming to New York to assist in investigating the charges he brought against Deftender.

A state bank will be organized in Georgia and notes issued to test the constitutionality of the 10 per cent law.

It is rumored that several important changes are now to take place on the Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburgh.

The late Turkish riot at Stambul proves to have been only a fight between two drunken Armenians which caused the panic.

China is likely to demand damages for drunken sailors to which two Chinese held as witnesses at Portland, Ore., were subjected.

Mr. Jan. W. Lother, conservative member of the Reichstag, advocates protection, especially to agricultural interests.

Republican members of the house want the national treasury investigated, to see whether authorized appropriations have not been held back.

Barbara Ash, indicted for perjury on her own confession in New York of perjury in her confession of Walter S. L. Leager of criminal conduct, was held in \$1,000.

Ernst Ahlwardt, the "Jew buster," who came from Germany to work on a warfare on the Hebrews of the United States, was belted with steel eggs during his last lecture in New York.

WORLD OF TRADE.

A Quiet Week Without Any Disturbance.

PRICES STILL SLOWLY RECEDING.

Increased Forward Movement of Wheat Discredit All Estimates—Finished Iron Products Sell Below Quotations—No Advance in Wool—Cotton Manufacturers Dull—Business Failures.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—R. G. Dan & Company's weekly review of trade says: It has been a very quiet week without any disturbance. Prices of manufactured products slowly recede from the high-water mark of speculation, and no material increase in demand is now expected until after the holidays, but there is general confidence that greater activity will then appear, and that works which have stopped a little earlier than usual will again be put into operation.

The government crop report caused scarcely a ripple of interest, though indicating 6,400,000 bales less of cotton and a larger acreage than had been expected of winter wheat. The great supplies of cotton brought over from previous years render it unimportant whether the yield of 1895 was 2,000,000 or 6,000,000 bales, except as affecting future planting, and the extensive organizations of planters to keep back their cotton deprives small receipts of their natural influence.

Wheat continues to come forward so rapidly that past estimates of yield, whether official or unofficial, are discredited. Western receipts were 6,003,491 bushels for the week, against 3,403,811 last year, while Atlantic exports, flour included, were but 1,849,355 bushels against 3,577,215 last year. At current prices it seems improbable that marketing has been out of proportion to yield to prices for the week shows little change.

Iron furnaces in blast Dec. 1 turned out 210,707 tons weekly, against 217,936 Nov. 1, with increase of 8,000 tons in stock on hand. But actual consumption is much smaller than the output at present, and prices again declined. No anthracite to \$17.75, Bessemer pig at \$15.00 to \$12.00 and gray iron at \$12.00. Finished products are weak and sell below quotations. At Pittsburgh structural forms, plates, sheet and pipe are in light demand, and some bar mills in the valley have shut down for want of orders. Higher prices are expected for coke and coke, and it is believed this will cause an upward turn in iron.

Copper is much demoralized with large sales of lake at 10 1/2 cents, lead is lower at 8 1/2 cents, and tin lower at 13.50 cents with increasing visible supply.

Wool has not advanced with London sales as was expected. The slow market for goods hinders dealings. In men's goods there is little business as yet, at about last year's prices in low grades, and the largest maker of cheap wools has reduced prices to last year's since the opening.

Business in cotton has not gained and price cloths are lower at 2 1/2 cents, while a few more reductions are noted in prices of other goods. The manufacture has had a highly profitable season, though dull now.

Failures for the week have been 398 in the United States against 349 last year, and 51 in Canada against 10 last year.

BATTLESHIP TEXAS

Performance of the Vessel on Trial Trip Pronounced Satisfactory.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Captain Glass transmits a report of the chief engineer of the Texas on the performance of her boilers and engine. The letter says: "The performance of the ship was satisfactory. With moderate wind and sea on low and quarter she is very steady, and speeds of 16 and 17 1/2 knots were made with engine revolutions from 115 to 124. The ship handles with perfect ease at any speed and possesses, I think, great maneuvering power."

Chinese Recapture Port Arthur.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—A special dispatch from Shanghai says that several Russian war-ships yesterday watched the formal re-entry of the Chinese into Port Arthur. It is believed here that China, as a regard for Russia's intervention in her favor with Japan after the war, will permit the Russian Pacific fleet to winter in Kiao-Chow bay.

Down Below Zero.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The extreme cold prevails throughout the eastern states. Saratoga, Syracuse and Watertown, N. Y., report 10 degrees below zero, and London, N. H., 35 degrees below. At Northfield, Vt., the thermometer indicated 12 degrees below.

An Unfranked Priest's Death.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 11.—Rev John Cosgrove, a Catholic clergyman who was recently unfrocked by Archbishop Kardor in subordination, was horribly mangled by a terminal switch engine. The circumstances of his tragic death point to suicide.

Sullivan and Ryan Willing.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—Dan Stuart is negotiating with "Parson" Davies to secure John L. Sullivan and Paddy Ryan as referee and timekeeper for the Maher-Fitzsimmons fight. The "Parson" is willing and so are Sullivan and Ryan.

May Extend the Line.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—The sale of the Santa Fe railroad at Topeka has occasioned a great deal of gossip in railroad circles as to the probability of the new management building from Mojave into San Francisco.

Offers to Buy.

LIMA, Peru, Dec. 14.—It is asserted that President Pierola has offered to repurchase the Tacna and Arica territory from Chili for 10,000,000 piastras.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

TRIPLE PROLIFIDE

If the Charge Against Van Gundy Can be Substantiated.

CHILMARK, O., Dec. 14.—Hiram Van Gundy was arrested yesterday charged with the murder of his three months old son, James J. Van Gundy. The child was found dead in bed with the marks of a man's fingers on its throat and blood oozing from its mouth and ears, and its mother says father murdered it. A short time another child of Van Gundy's was found dead with its neck broken. It was buried hurriedly, without the formal of an inquest. Squares months ago a other child was starved to death, and that time Van Gundy was dragged from his bed by white cups and severely beaten.

THE LIMA NORTHERN.

All Possible Haste Being Made in the Construction of the Road.

LIMA, O., Dec. 14.—The Lima Northern is being pushed northward with all possible haste. The line is completed to Ottawa, twenty-one miles from Lima. At Columbus Grove connections were made with the Northern Ohio, formerly the Pittsburg, Akron and Western, recently purchased by Senator Bruce North from Ottawa the line is rapidly nearing completion to Lodi. Next week will see that portion of the line connected. Ohio Southern freight trains will commence running to Ottawa Monday.

WHOLE FAMILY TRAIN.

Struck by a Passenger Train on a Crossing.

GREENVILLE, O., Dec. 11.—Oliver Hammond, his wife and three children, were killed at a crossing on the Dayton and Union railway, seven miles from this city, while crossing the tracks in a closed vehicle. The train struck the carriage and all were instantly killed. Mrs. Hammond and two of the children were utterly ground to pieces.

After the Government Tax.

CANTON, O., Dec. 11.—At the beginning of the late panic certain manufacturers here and at Massillon issued interest-bearing scrip which circulated as currency among local operatives and trades people. Secret agents of the United States treasury are now here working up these cases with a view to assess the 10 per cent government tax.

Miners Accept a Reduction.

EVANSTON, O., Dec. 14.—The coal miners at East Palestine and the several mines in that vicinity held a meeting and voted to go to work at the reduction of 5 cents, from 65 to 60 cents, which should have gone into effect on Monday according to notice given by operators.

Floping Pedagogue Arrested.

HOUSTON, O., Dec. 11.—Albert Harrity, the young schoolteacher who left his wife and child last May and eloped with his pretty

## TOWN TOPICS

More joy for the young folks. There will be a second full moon this month. Even nature loves a lover.

Some unusually large and heavy stone have arrived for the sidewalk in front of the Darmody building. They are almost twelve feet square and fully nine inches thick.

Some of the young fellows are having lots of fun gulling a young man who took his girl out sleighriding last Thursday night. In turning around on the Green Camp pike one of the runners of the sleigh was broken, and the couple walked back. Three miles.

No effort will be made to finish the opera house for occupancy this season. It was found that it would be necessary to hurry the work too much and rather than have anything but the very best kind of a job the management decided to forego the pleasure of opening the new play house during the season of 1895-6.

The members of the Tie Tac club have made arrangements for a big sleighriding party this evening provided the "beautiful" holds out. The members will take the "joy of their lives" and the "light of their souls" with them and it is expected that the weather will not be sufficiently warm to warrant the outlay of much more for ice to keep the refreshments cool.

Superintendent Geo. Turner, of the Street Railway company, is going to get a uniform and a dandy, too. It will have lots of gold braid and big gilt buttons and be marked all over, "Supt. Street Railway Co." George don't like uniforms as a usual thing. In fact he dislikes anything striking or gaudy, but since a commercial man said to him in Hotel Marion the other morning, "Here, porter, get my grip," the uniform has been a go.

The very latest Christmas item was heard on the streets last night, when a popular young lady remarked to several friends that she wished that Christmas would never come because her particular gentleman friend had to work so hard she was never able to see him. If that particular gentleman friend was not so opposed to newspaper notoriety it would be well to let him know how much his company is esteemed. Many can take consolation in the thought that it was intended for them, this way, however, and thus one suffers for the benefit of the multitude.

What an easy thing it is to make a mistake. A few days since a young gentleman ordered a large bouquet sent to his lady love on the 18th of this month. The florist hurriedly jotted down the order. Some event, known to the young man and his lady love, was to be celebrated on the 18th or it was the anniversary of that event—something of that kind. Friday the young lady received an enormous bouquet of Marshal Niel roses from a florist of Toledo and the young man will have to whack up for a second bouquet. The florist had mistaken an 8 for a 3.

No one in the city is acquainted with the following story but the perpetrator of Town Topics, so if the one who is lit doesn't give it away no one will be any the wiser. Some years ago a Westerner came to Marion on legal business. In the transaction of the business it became necessary for him to give a goodly sized bond. The attorney on the other side of the case did everything in his power, of course, to prevent him from receiving a bond and put him to much trouble. Several years passed and the Marion attorney went west on legal business and this time it was his turn to secure a bondsman. A citizen of the town to which the Marionite had gone came up to the Marionite and offered to go on the bond. The western man was well fixed and his name was sufficient to make the bond acceptable. Judge of the Marionite's surprise to see the gentleman write on the bond the name of the man he had worked against in Marion years before. It was no other.

At Hotel Marion the other evening J. S. Goodnow made the statement that he was a firm believer in prayer. The statement was, in itself, so startling that Seph was asked to explain. Seeing that he was in for a story he went on to relate how one time when he had a big bunch of cattle up the Hudson, the steamboat people refused to take his stock aboard, influenced as he thought by several cattlemen who had "bunches" on the boat. Seph saw that he would have to use the cars so he went to the Central Railroad company's station and loaded his stock. The station agent explained that a bridge was down but Seph said he'd chance it, bridge or no bridge. Seph was right, for the bridge had been repaired by the time they reached it and the train load of stock pulled into New York City early in the morning. The city butchers waited around all day but didn't offer to buy as Goodnow's lot of stock was the only one in. They were waiting for the arrival of the boat. Seph knew that the river was low and hoped that the boat had gone aground and so, late in the afternoon, when the butchers had to buy and the boat did not arrive, he raised the price of his meat up to the ceiling. The butchers had to buy and Seph was money ahead. "But where did the praying part come in?" you ask. Easy. Seph had stayed up all night and that day alternately, cursing the boat's owners and praying that it would go aground. It did go aground and so Seph believes in prayer.

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# THE TIME IS LIMITED!

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OUR stock of Clothing, Gent's Furnishing Goods, Hats, Caps, etc., must be converted into cash before remodeling our store. To attain our aim we have made the most sweeping reductions ever offered to the public, and you will not take long to conclude that our



## MEN'S SUITS AND OVERCOATS

Are better in quality and at least 30 per cent. lower in price than elsewhere. We have got to sell our Suits and overcoats—and now:

Suits that never cost you less than \$5.00 we sell them at	\$2.75	Blue Chinchilla Overcoats, that were \$5.00, now	\$3.50
Suits—All-wool Cheviots, elsewhere \$8.00, remodeling price	\$4.75	Gray and Plain Blue \$9.00 Overcoats now	\$5.00
Brown, Black and Blue Cheviot Suits, regular \$12.50 ones, remodeling price	\$7.98	Blue, Black and Brown \$10.00 Kersey Overcoats now	\$6.50
Finest Dress Suits—all cuts, English and German Worsteds, value to \$22.50, they go at	\$12.50	Fine \$15.00 and \$18.00 Kersey Overcoats, all colors, at	\$9.50

Finest Melton and English Beaver Overcoats, value up to \$25.00, now \$12.50.

## BOYS' CLOTHING!

Boys' Double-breasted Dress Suits

at \$1.98

THAT IS THE \$3.00 GRADE.

Boys' Double and Single-breasted Suits

65 Cts

THE \$1.25 GRADE.

## USEFUL HOLIDAY PRESENTS:

Mufflers, Neckwear, Suspenders, SILK AND LINEN Handkerchiefs, Sleeve Buttons, Umbrellas, etc.

## THE BLUE FRONT'S GREAT REMODELING SALE.

### BARGAINS IN MEN'S PANTS.

Bargain No. 1—Fine black Cheviot and striped Cassimere and Worsteds pants, full value at former price, \$2.50, cut to \$1.50.  
Bargain No. 2—All-wool black and blue Cheviot and neat Cassimere pants, as good as any \$3.50 ones—an opportunity to save \$1.00 on every pair at our remodeling price, \$2.50.  
Bargain No. 3—Includes the best and greatest collection of men's pants in latest and best styles ever shown in this city, worth \$4.00 and \$5.00, remodeling price \$3.48.

Opposite HOTEL MARION,  
**Marion, O.**

### BARGAINS IN FURNISHINGS.

Men's Camel hair and natural wool shirts and drawers, 50c grade for 33c. Men's fleecy lined and Derby ribbed shirts and drawers, assorted colors, silk or satin trimmed, 75c grade for 48c. All our 25c ties for 19c. 50c Ties for 35c. 75c Ties for 42c. 25c Suspenders for 12c. 35c Suspenders for 19c. \$1.00 Plush caps for 69c. \$1.50 Plush caps for 98c. 50c Caps for 39c. 25c Caps for 19c, and hundreds of other articles at the same low prices.

### Stump-Barnett Wedding.

A congenial company of about a score of special friends assembled at the home of Mr. Reicher, of Short street, Thursday evening to celebrate the marriage of Mr. Frederick C. Stump and Miss Retta Barnett. The ceremony was performed at 8 o'clock, Rev. A. Skidmore, of the Christian church, officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Barnett, of North Marion, while the groom is well known in the city.

Down goes the price of dinner ware. We have just placed in stock three beautiful, new decorations in English porcelain in either blue, brown or grey, on which we have made a special cut price for three weeks only of \$3.98 for 101 piece sets, quality guaranteed and a big bargain. You can save your money at any time in either our queensware or grocery department. J. W. Trow, this

### The Remains Removed.

The remains of R. C. Crowser, who was killed here Wednesday morning, were taken to Columbus Friday evening, and from there will be removed to Oakland, Kansas.

W. D. Crowser came here to take the remains to Columbus, where they were met by the mother of the boy, who will accompany them home. Crowser's father owns a ranch near Oakland, and the remains will be laid to rest there.

By patronizing the Marion Shirt Manufacturing company your money is left among your own working people and you also will be perfectly satisfied with fit, quality and workmanship. m-t-s

### Hunting a Horse Thief.

Marshal Grillich and J. B. McCormick, of Kenton, were in the city Friday evening. They were after the man McCormick, who stole McCormick's horse on Thanksgiving day, a report of which has appeared in this paper.

Marshal Grillich and McCormick had been down to Prospect and in through that territory with the hope of catching the thief, but were unable to find him.

### Fresh pineapples at Thew's.

Has found that her little ones are improved more by the pleasant laxative Syrup of Figs, when in need of the laxative effect of a gentle remedy than by any other, and that it is more acceptable to them. Children enjoy it and it benefits them. The true remedy, Syrup of Figs, is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup company only.

### Engraving.

We do not refer to cheap machine work, but real artistic hand engraving. We show script, monograms and everything that is engraved, free of charge. Turner, 109 West Center street. 15-ct3

## May Be Lying!



One of our competitors would have you believe that it sells nine-tenths of all the shoes sold in Marion. That would leave one-ninth for the other nine. The other nine seem to make a living, from which it would appear that someone must be lying, or that they haven't made full returns to the assessor. The tax inquisitor should look them up—that house must have a gold mine somewhere. No wonder the gold reserve is on the wane. But let 'em alone.

## Christmas Comes.

Too near to do other than think of Christmas Presents. What's the matter with a nice pair of shoes for the father, husband or son? Maybe a pair of easy Slippers would please them. Have you thought of it? It's hardly necessary to say that the place to get 'em is at

## JOHN H. STOLL'S

SOUTH MAIN STREET.

## Are You in Need of Coal?

Remember we keep constantly on hand all the best grades of Hard and Soft Coal. Beware of imitations. Others may say that they have just as GOOD, but all so-called "Smokeless" Coal Smokes, except the celebrated POCAHONTAS SMOKELESS COAL. For sale only by

THE PRENDERGAST LUMBER AND COAL CO.

Telephone No. 3.

## Well, Hello, Bill!

WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?

Why, I have been down to Davies' Tailoring Establishment

And ordered one of those fine suits at \$18.00.  
"You have?"  
"Yes."  
"Well, does he sell them as low as he advertises?"  
"Oh, yes, and lower. I got a \$25.00 suit for \$18.00, and he has a very fine suit for \$15.00. You had better come and go over with me and I will help you to pick one out."  
"Well, Bill, have you got your suit yet?"  
"Yes, here it is, the finest fit I ever had, and the style is elegant. When are you going to get your suit?"  
"By Xmas."  
"I will never buy any more ready-made suits."

## The Best Gift

Is a Fine Suit.

Come in, leave the order and I will get the measure.

**DAVIES, THE TAILOR.** 123 North Main Street.

## HIGHEST GRADE,

Recommended by the Best Bakers to make the Whitest and Sweetest... **BREAD** Obtainable. Use

"B" PRIDE OF MARION FLOUR.

**NEW Fall and Winter Goods. Williams & Leffler**

THE LEADING TAILORS,

Have now in stock all the Newest Designs, Colors and Mixtures. A great variety of Plain Goods, in all makes, which they will make up at the lowest possible prices, consistent with first-class workmanship. Satisfaction is always given.

**COAL**

L. B. GURLEY  
Sole Agent for  
Sunday Creek Coal  
Office North of Jail.  
TELEPHONE NO. 97

It's a slow process, usually—education, development, and growth. But it hasn't been so with **Pearline**. **Pearline's** success has been a wonder, from the start. All the more so when you consider the many poor imitations of it, which claim to make washing easy.

These things tend to confuse people, of course. They're forced on the public by peddlers, prizes, substitution, etc. No doubt they're often thought to be the same as **Pearline**. We protest. Don't judge **Pearline** by the company it has to keep.

**Millions NOW USE Pearline**

**HABERMAN HARDWARE.**

Tools and Bievels, 107 S. Main, Marion, Ohio.

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Celebrated Specialist of the France Medical Institute, will be at the KERR HOUSE, MARION.

Monday, Dec. 23, from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m., 1 day only.



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**THE MOST Successful and Scientific Treatment of all Diseases and Weaknesses of Mankind Possible to Obtain.**

The most widely and favorably known specialist in the United States. His long experience, remarkable skill and universal success in the largest hospitals in the world enables him to cure all **CHRONIC, NERVOUS, SKIN and BLOOD** diseases upon the latest scientific principles and methods. He has no superior in diagnosing and treating diseases and deformities. **Medical and Surgical Diseases, Acute and Chronic.** Diseases of the Eye, Ear, Nose, Throat and Lungs. Bright's Disease, Diabetes, Kidney, Liver, Bladder, Chronic Female and Sexual Diseases. Speedily cured by means that have never failed in thousands of cases that had been pronounced by other doctors to be incurable. He has never been restored to perfect health had they not been cured in the hands of experts.

**IMPORTANT TO LADIES.**—**DR. FRANCE**, after years of experience, has discovered the best cure known for all diseases peculiar to the sex. Female diseases positively cured by his new remedy, **OLIVE BLOSSOM**. This cure is effected by home treatment. Entirely safe and easily applied. **Consultation Free and Strictly Confidential.**

**DR. FRANCE** operates successfully and successfully for squint eyes, pterygium, trichiasis, turning in or out of eye-lashes or lids, cataract, and all other eye operations. **CHRONIC SORE EYES** and granular lids quickly cured.

**A CERTAIN AND POSITIVE CURE** for the awful effects of early vice and the consequent loss of vitality.

**PRIVATE BLOOD AND SKIN DISEASES** speedily, completely and permanently cured by the latest scientific methods.

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**BOOK FREE.** "The Medical Adviser" containing nearly one hundred pages of advice to young and old—especially the contemplating marriage, fully illustrated. Do not fail to improve the opportunity to obtain one of the most valuable books which has ever come within your reach. This book will be sent to anyone free on receipt of postage. Address, **DR. FRANCE**, 107 W. Gay St., Columbus, Ohio.

**FREE EXAMINATION OF THE URINE.**—Each person applying for medical treatment should send a sample of urine from 2 to 3 o'clock p. m. to the morning. A requested analysis will be given. **Dr. France** has cured thousands of cases of functional disorders that result in painful follicles or the excess of matter.

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## MATRIMONIAL MECCA

**BILL NYE DISCOURSES UPON THE ADVANTAGES OF OKLAHOMA.**

A Place Where One Can Be Nicely Separated at a Reduced Price and Also Receive the Blessing of Health and Increase a Diminished Chest Measurement.

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The following letter may be of interest to some casual reader and at the same time throw light upon the freedom in which one may wallow in the glad-some west. This letter may shock the sensitive and the fastidious, but it is genuine and comes in the utmost good faith, including the professional card of the law firm.

I will add before offering the letter that I shall be glad to throw off my percentage in all deserving cases.

There are ten causes for divorce in Oklahoma under the statute, and in ad-



HE CAME OUT WITH A DIVORCE AND \$18.

dition to the usual grounds the ninth one is a perpetual joy to the connubial outlaw—viz. "gross neglect of duty."

This may be applied to all sorts of shortcomings, and the way seems at once to open up here for most any weary, dragging victim to cut loose and try it over again.

ALVA, O. T., Sept. 20.

Bill Nye, Esq., Asheville, N. C.

Dear Sir—Realizing as we all do that thousands of people over this country are desirous of being freed from their matrimonial alliances, and believing that we can in this way reach those desirous of divorce, we have adopted this method of calling the matter to your attention by personal letter, rather than by advertising in newspapers, as offering superior advantages to both counselor and client.

Oklahoma offers superior inducements to those seeking this kind of relief. Her statute on divorce is identical to that of Dakota and her climatic and other inducements far superior.

We want your services and are willing to pay for them. Our proposition is this:

Our fee for securing a divorce in any district court will be reasonable and will depend upon each particular case and the circumstances attending it, which we would fix at the time with your cooperation, being governed by the labor and time expended and interests involved.

Our offer to you: We are willing to divide the fee with you in any and all cases that you may see fit.

For particulars we refer you to the enclosed circular and will cheerfully answer all communications. Very truly yours,

PRICKETT & DANN.

Entrop may have older and vaster treasures of art than we, but can also combine divorce and climate in such a way as we can?

Greene and Rome may flaunt their hard history in our faces and point with pride to their deceased orators and warriors and statesmen, but Rome never held out such inducements to the vexed and the hopeless as the young commonwealth of Oklahoma. Greene may boast of her greatness, but where is she today? Five cents' worth of ammonia would remove her from the map of the world.

But regard Oklahoma!

With good board at \$8 per week, including use of roller towel, bar soap and iron sink, one may in 90 days obtain a residence and a divorce at a cost that seems a mere bagatelle.

I knew of one man who had been unhappy for years. He had no hope for the future. He was despondent continually and prayed that death might overtake him. His wife united with him in this earnest petition. He saw by the merest accident how free the divorce law was in Oklahoma, and in less than a week he had sold the cow and was on the way.

His wife packed his trunk for him and cooked a dishpan full of cookies for him to eat on the way. He got a chance to do chores for his board in Oklahoma and actually came out with a divorce and \$18 besides. That was not all. He had gained over an inch in chest measurement owing to the delightful climate, and hope again danced in his eye.

Why go to Dakota for your divorces? Listen to the siren voices of the Messrs. Prickett & Dann:

"Contemplate the picturesqueness of Oklahoma's ever varying scenery, her fertile fields and blooming prairies, fringed with beautiful groves and ribbed with many a rippling brook, and then turn to the bleak and storm swept plains of Dakota.

Here, surrounded by all the comforts and conveniences of the civilization of older states, nestles this newborn child of the republic in all her virgin beauty. Here almost in the center of the Union, in easy reach of all our sister states, you may enjoy all the luxuries of civilization, while a comrade of the pioneer amid the rugged beauties of nature."

Another good feature we must not forget. Contenting parties may board at different places. There are two good boarding houses at Alva—one for plaintiffs and one for defendants.

There is a good bank there also, which makes a specialty of paying alimony and allows 5 per cent on alimony remaining six months or more on deposit.

Custody of children is awarded on Tuesdays and Fridays. Railroads sell divorce coupons. Special cars to large divorce parties, with guide and accom-

paniment. Every attention given to correspondents.

Good lively teams, turnouts and saddle horses to assist people from the east.

Why go to Dakota, where you may have to sit at the same table with the correspondent when you may go to Oklahoma and have a table to yourself?

Excellent shooting everywhere. Several Dalmatians, Yeggies and Doolins still remaining to cheer the eager sportsman in or out of season.

The Messrs. Prickett & Dann will give their clients letters of introduction to leading outlaws.

Abandonment is made a very good ground for divorce in Oklahoma, and an implied promise to be home from reading the election returns by 11 p. m. and failure to get home before 1 a. m. has been declared by the court to be abandonment within the meaning of the statute. (See McSwatt versus McSwatt, First O. T. Reports, page 87. Also Mandy versus Mandy, same volume, page 193, wherein Epworth, C. J., held that defendant refused to return from her mother's to plaintiff's home until money was sent her for railroad fare and sleeping car ticket, the court declared that after three weeks the charge of abandonment set up by plaintiff was good and valid. Again, in McNutt versus McNutt, where defendant was charged with deserting the table repeatedly prior to the desert, leaving plaintiff alone to face her own pie, the court held that this constituted desertion within the statute.)

These cases merely suggest how wide open, free and glad some is the life in Oklahoma.

Alva has 2,000 inhabitants, mostly Jurymen.

Oklahoma is indeed the Mecca for the married yet unamated. It has a more gentle climate than Dakota, and a man can go there as late as December and get a divorce in his duck trousers without discomfort. Correspondents are frequently seen at Alva making New Year's calls in their shirt sleeves.

Viva Kersyges-Vernon, nee Miggs, says that she will bet her alimony for six months that a better climate never grew outdoors than there is in Oklahoma. She was one of the Messrs. Prickett & Dann's clients, class of '95, and says she never felt better in her life.

Divorces are procured without pain or publicity.

One client writes to the Messrs. as follows:

"Before I got my divorce I suffered the pangs of the d—d. I was ostracized from good society and had to live in New Jersey. I went to the United States consul there and begged him to let me return to America. I had sharp, darting pains up and down the spinal column.

"All at once I got a permit to go to Oklahoma, where I heard that you were, but unfortunately could not raise the ready John. If you will pardon a little lapsus laulzi on my part.

"I then heard that clients who wished a divorce could be treated at a distance through the aid of your valuable home treatment. I bought two of them and was soon again a free man. So was my wife. We are the best of friends and as happy as the day is long. On long winter evenings I run over there, and we play dominoes for the alimony.

"Sometimes we play to see who shall have the custody of the children."

"We both feel that we owe you so much. Go on, go on, you dear, sweet things, is what we both say."

"We are to have a double wedding Thanksgiving day. My wife will marry a gentleman friend, and I will marry his dear old mother. So we shall be again related by marriage—wife and I. Won't that be jolly?"

"Your climate is real good too."

Alva is on the A. T. and S. F. R. R. and but 12 hours from Kansas City. It is the county seat of Wood county and is a sort of what was once called the Cherokee outlet. It is right plumb in the heart of nature, and I have taken the liberty of writing a few lines in verse, touching on her great beauty and freedom. I will put them in here if I hear no objection:

O Alva, down in Oklahoma,  
Can it be you do not know me?  
Heart and soul and torn up  
That I stand at home from Europe  
All that I might see and see  
You and Oklahoma T. [Chorus.]

SECOND VERSE.  
Seems to me a little strange  
To do nothing but divorce,  
Or become too passing fond  
Of the wicked correspond.  
The best people I have met  
Look upon this with regret.

So, unless you desire that I should write poetry about you, Alva, please try to inaugurate an additional industry as soon as you can.

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## BRITISH PRESS ON MESSAGE

The maintenance of friendly relations between Great Britain and the United States is of such supreme importance that we cannot but regret the time in which President Cleveland alluded to the dispute with Venezuela.—London Standard.

Regarding Sumatra and Venezuela, the message appears to be framed on lines that Senator Chandler might approve. The president appears to assume that England must be wrong because she is stronger than Venezuela.—London Morning Post.

A worse financial muddle than Mr. Cleveland's would be difficult to conceive. Such is the result of tampering with the currency for the supposed relief of powerful interests. It is worth the attention of our own currency doctors.—London Daily News.

Few honest critics can say anything against the references to Venezuela. We agree with the president that the matter is eminently suited for impartial arbitration. No doubt the British government will take the same view when reputation for injuries due us from Venezuela is made.—London Chronicle.

The failure of congress to embody Mr. Cleveland's proposed financial measures in legislation would undoubtedly give a severe shock to business confidence. We shall be greatly surprised if the plan is not warmly welcomed in the great commercial centers of the United States, if Mr. Cleveland is right, as he is regarded as being by dispassionate observers here.—London Times.

Major C. T. Pictor is manager of the State Hotel, at Denison, Texas, which the traveling men say is one of the best hotels in that section. In speaking of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera, and Diarrhoea Remedy Major Pictor says: "I have used it myself and in my family for several years, and take pleasure in saying that I consider it an infallible cure for diarrhoea and dysentery. I always recommend it and have frequently administered it to my guests in the hotel, and in every case it has proven itself worthy of unqualified endorsement. For sale by L. H. Flocken, Druggist."

One Minute Cough Cure is a popular remedy for croup, safe for children and adults.

Had Enough.

He is a charming little fellow of 4, pretty in his ways, good to look at, but as much as they are made. He sat on the bottom step, kicking his fat legs and refusing utterly to obey his father, who had told him to go up stairs several times in increasing degrees of severity. After a few minutes of this slouching of wills his exasperated young parent picked him up and set him down, firmly on a chair in his room, went out and shut the door. Silence reigned. Not a sound from him for at least half an hour. Then the door was opened, and a sweet little voice called out: "Father, have you got over your tantrum yet? For I should like to come down."—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Piles of people have piles, but DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve will cure them. When promptly applied it cures scalds and burns without the slightest pain.

A Memorable Occasion.

The Shah of Persia—Let's see, when did I last visit Queen Victoria?

Chief Secretary (reproachfully)—I shouldn't think you would forget that, sire.

The Shah—Why not?

Secretary—It was at that time your majesty was forced to take a bath.—Truth.

Relief in Six Hours.

Distressing kidney and bladder diseases relieved in six hours by the New Great South American Kidney Cure.

This new remedy is a great surprise on account of its exceeding promptness in relieving pain in the bladder, kidney, back and every part of the urinary passage in male or female. It relieves retention of water and pain in passing it almost immediately. If you want quick relief and cure this is your remedy. Sold by W. B. Foye, druggist, Marion, O.

A Jewel of a Bird.

While Mr. James Williams of Jeffersonville, Ind., was dressing a turkey for dinner he found in the bird's craw a diamond solitaire the size of a pea.

The find came from a farm close to a picnic ground, and it is thought that it picked up the jewel near there.

Probably a Barber.

In a New York street car. Loquacious passenger addressing his neighbor, who is reading his morning paper:

"Nice day."

No response.

"Any news today?"

No recognition.

"Cars very slow this morning."

Silence thickens.

"Any news from Cuba?"

Could hear a pin drop.

"Guess we'll have rain before night."

Stillness.

"Going far?"

"My dear sir," at last replied the silent man, "will you be kind as to inform me whether you are a prize-fighter or a barber?"—Yonkers Statesman.

When most needed it is not unusual for your family physician to be away from home. Such was the experience of Mr. J. V. Schenck, editor of the Caldwell, Ind. Ter. Banner, when his little girl, two years of age, was threatened with a severe attack of croup. He says: "My wife insisted that I go for the doctor, but as our family physician was out of town I purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which relieved her immediately. I will not be without it in the future." 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by L. H. Flocken, Druggist.

A Jewel of a Bird.

While Mr. James Williams of Jeffersonville, Ind., was dressing a turkey for dinner he found in the bird's craw a diamond solitaire the size of a pea.

The find came from a farm close to a picnic ground, and it is thought that it picked up the jewel near there.

Probably a Barber.

In a New York street car. Loquacious passenger addressing his neighbor, who is reading his morning paper:

"Nice day."

**Barrett's Bargain Store,**

113 S. Main Street.

**Marion's Most Important****Display of Holiday Goods**

Is indisputably here—We have by far the greatest variety and

**Our prices are unquestionably the most reasonable in the city.**

Perplexities as to what to give are quickly and economically settled here—We've all kinds of presents for everybody, old and young. Don't lose sight of the fact that the popularity of our LOWER prices always attracts the largest crowds. Therefore we urge our patrons to buy early as possible—when trading is easier and stocks the most complete. You will find it much more convenient shopping if you come in the forenoon. It is wise and it pays to buy now—and most certainly IT PAYS TO BUY AT BARRETT'S HOLIDAY HEADQUARTERS.

**DOLLS!**

We have a very complete assortment of Dolls from 10 up to 8-inch china limb Dolls, already dressed, only 50c. 13-inch china limb Dolls, ready dressed, only 1.00. 15-inch washable Doll 1.00. Kid body Dolls, with bisque heads all prices from 25c to \$2. We have Rag Dolls, Leather Dolls, Felt Body Dolls, China Dolls, Indian Dolls, Porcelain Dolls, "Nigger" Dolls, Jap. Dolls, in short, we have about everything there is in Dolls. We can suit you in quality and price.

**DOLL CARRIAGES!**

We have a nice line of these from 25c up.

**DOLL CRADLES!**

We have a great bargain in a Doll Cradle, beautifully enamelled in white, 18 inches long, at 25c. Some of our competitors are selling the same cradle at 50c.

**FANCY PLUSH BOXES!**

We have a very beautiful assortment of Plush Boxes, filled with fine stationery, at 20c, 25c, 45c, 50c, etc. These are very desirable, as after the stationery is used the boxes are so nice for handkerchiefs, jewelry, work boxes, etc.

**DRUMS!**

Dollar Drums, 75c; 75c Drums, 90c; 25c Drums, 13c. Dollar Pianos, 80c. Half-dollar Steam Engines, 25c.

**ALBUMS, PLUSH AND CELLULOID CASES!**

We have a grand display of Albums, Toilet Cases, Work Boxes, Smoking Sets, etc., and will guarantee to save you 15 to 25 per cent. on these goods.

**TOY TEA SETS!**

In China or Britannia, from 10c to \$1. Largest and nicest assortment and lowest prices.

**SILK AND SATIN TIES!**

An elegant assortment of Ladies' Ties and Children's, none worth less than 25c, some worth as high as 50c. Your choice of the whole lot 25c. Now is the time and our store is the place to buy Neckties.

**HANDKERCHIEFS!**

Our Holiday Handkerchief stock is a hummer, including Swiss embroidered, hemstitched, cambric, linen and silk. Ladies' Silk Handkerchiefs 5c, 2 for 15c. Embroidered Silk Handkerchiefs 10c, 15c, 25c, 35c, 40c and 50c, everyone a positive bargain. Gents' Handkerchiefs in cotton, linen and silk at 5c, 10c, 20c, 25c, 35c, 50c and 65c.

**SILK MUFFLERS!**

We are right in line on these goods—have them from 50c up and can suit the tastes and purses of every one. Cotton and wool Mufflers from 20c up.

**LINENS!**

See our Stamped Linens, Table Linens, Napkins, Table Sets, Towels, Ties, etc.

**GLOVES AND MITTENS!**

Nothing makes more acceptable presents than these. Ladies' and Children's Fur Top Kid Mittens 50c a pair. Special bargains in Ladies' Silk Mittens. Men's and Boys' Gloves and Mittens from 25c up.

**DECORATED CHINA!**

We have a large and elegant stock of Fancy China, but have not the room to give it a proper display, so we have made the prices low enough to sell it without much display. Decorated

Cups and Saucers from 10c up. Plates, Fruit Dishes, Tea Sets, Bread and Milk Sets, Almond Dishes, Sugar and Cream Sets, Mustards, etc. etc. You'll find it economical to buy your China-ware here.

**GAMES!**

We have the largest and finest assortment of Games in the city. 50 games—Old Maid, Cards of Fortune, Peter Cuddles, Authors, Messenger Boy, Marriage, etc. 10c games—Fish Pond, Tiddleywinks, Fox and Geese, Jumping Frog, Snap, Fats, etc. 25c games—Tiddleywinks, Donkey Party, India, Crossing the Ocean, Alphabet, Staircase Chase, Bean Bag, Lotto, Ring and Peg, etc. \$1 games—such as Parcheesi, Halma and Path to Matrimony, etc., only 50c.

**CARD PUZZLES!**

Sliced Birds, Sliced Animals, Dissected Maps of Ohio, Dissected Maps of the United States, etc., 25c.

**BOYS' TOOL CHESTS!**

25c, 50c, 75c and \$1. You'll find no Tool Chests like these for the money anywhere else.

**NINE PINS!**

Extra large and fine. 25c, 40c and 50c.

**BLACK BOARDS!**

Beautiful illustrated desk Black Board, sold everywhere for 50c. Our price only 30c. We have the largest and finest desk Board in Marion at \$1. See our lap Black Board with hundreds of designs for copying, only 25c.

**ALPHABET BLOCKS!**

Over 20 styles of Pictorial Alphabet Blocks from 5c to 50c, including "Firemen," "Buffalo Bill," "Butterfly," "Goosey Gander," etc., etc.

**IRON TOYS!**

We have a large variety of these popular and durable Toys at lower prices than ever. Large malleable iron train—Engine and two Passenger Coaches, 25c. Trotting Horse and Sleds with driver only 10c. Brownies' Patrol Wagons, regular dollar toys, only 50c. Road Wagon, larger than the average 50c iron toy, only 25c. This is but a small part of our stock of Iron Toys. We have other styles of Trains, Wagons, Banks, Animals, etc.

Christmas Horns, Bugles and Trumpets in endless variety.

**TIN TOYS!**

Trains, Stores, Kitchens, Kitchen Sets, Banks, Tops, Animals, etc. Here elsewhere you'll find we have the right stuff at the right prices.

**PICTURE BOOKS AND STORY BOOKS!**

This is one of our very strongest departments. We have the largest stock of Children's Books in town and you can get a better Book for your money here than anywhere else, whether it be for 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c or more. Don't buy your Books till you see ours.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS AND NOVELTIES!**

We have a large line of these from 5c up. Our Celluloid Novelty Calendars, in imitation of banjos, guitars, etc., at 25c are richly worth half a dollar.

# BARRETT'S BARGAIN STORE.

113 SOUTH MAIN STREET.

**FROM OLD MEXICO.**

H. M. KERR WRITES FROM THE CAPITAL OF OUR SISTER REPUBLIC

And Tells Us That Bull Fights Have Been Suppressed in the Federal District of Mexico—The Ladies of the Party Stay Linna.

A citizen today received a letter from the City of Mexico from H. M. Kerr and a copy of "The Two Republics," a bright and newsy six page paper printed in English at the same place.

The paper bears date of Dec. 7 and gives a full account of the trip of the ticket punchers and their ladies from the time their train of Pullmans left Chicago up to its arrival in the capital of Mexico. The complete list of the names of the excursionists is also given.

In his letter Mr. Kerr says that it was almost impossible to get the train past the town of Aguascalientes. Not solely because it was a pretty place, but because it is headquarters for drawn linen work. He even accuses some of the ladies of forgetting to eat their dinners because of this latter attraction, and the old time cons feared that their schedules must be abandoned, so long did the ladies delay the train while closing deals for a handkerchief or a dozen dollies.

Ham says that the trainmaster of the Mexican Central was equal to the occasion and led the fair passengers to believe that Aguascalientes would be passed again before reaching the City of Mexico. It is evident that the desires of the tender sex are not in the least affected with latitude when it comes to fancy linen.

The ladies were sorry they didn't buy more but since their arrival in the capital find that they can secure better quality of work on superior linen to that sold at stations along the route and at much less cost.

After telling how Mexican women and girls would come down to the train to sell linens and opals to the passengers, he described the feelings of the party when informed that bull fights had been suppressed in the federal district and their elation when the discovery was made that horse racing was the popular fad in that land.

Although it was the Sabbath day the party concluded that no one would blame them if they followed the maxim—"When in Rome do as the Romans do"—and so all put on their best bib and tucker and started for the meet at Indianapolis.

As the letter was written immediately before the start for the race course it is impossible to tell whether the remainder of the trip will be long or short for it is to be supposed that a tip on a horse race is the same the world

over and it is impossible for all to follow Chimie Faden's rule, "bet on de hoss dat you don't get no tip on."

**STARLIGHT.**

Some of these days a patriotic citizen and a clever lawyer will apply for a receiver for the Erie, because it isn't a fit depot in Marion to accommodate the public, and there will be no settlement until we get it.

The Erie receivership at Marion has advertised and confirmed what we have all along claimed—that Marion is the most important city on the line between New York and Chicago.

Whiskers—"Going south this winter, old man?"

Rodney—"No, I'd like to, but I can't do it."

Whiskers—"What's in the way?"

Rodney—"Well, it's this way. My wife has a pretty good 'lived girl,' and she is afraid she will cause a fight among her friends to see who gets her if we go away."

Both smiled knowingly and passed on.

Uncle John Sherman's book can't well be advertised for a Christmas gift. It is too much lacking in "peace on earth, good will to successful politicians."

St. Louis and Ohio may as well exchange Christmas bouquets. The two together will undoubtedly enjoy the honor of naming the next president.

The next day after it was announced that St. Louis would be the scene of the next National Republican convention the Chicago Tribune said:

"We name no names, but there are towns in this country where it is so hot in June that the atmosphere rising from the faces of persons who venture out at noon, or the smoke of the day's stock on the cold stone pavement."

This is not sour grapes on Chicago's part. It's simply an intimation of a hot time at St. Louis. And it will be.

Indianapolis, the proposed new name for the Indian territory, is very much like the Florida village that is Marion headquarters in winter. The name is euphonic, and for the Indian territory is appropriate. Down in Florida they spell it "Indianola."

With less than three weeks of Christmas remaining, it seems appropriate to inquire if the new woman's stove, portable lamp, and other things, can be purchased. That is, can she do so without losing her mental and physical equilibrium?

Famous Lynn Haven brand of bulk

## The Weekly STAR and New York Press Both for \$1.25 per Year.

### Will It be A Watch?

We are giving special endeavors to the selling of watches. A dandy line, that's it. Solid gold cases that command your admiration, and the prices are low—that's it again.

Surprising how reasonable you can buy a first-class watch.

The Prices From \$2.50 Up.

Now, to whom is a watch not acceptable?

M. Nelson & Sons.

### STERLING SILVER. FINE.

That's the real stuff, you can bank on it. Endless, endless, endless is the array of pretty things.

Sterling Silver Novelties.

Toilet sets, knives and forks and spoons. New things for ladies and for gentlemen. It is a happy plan of the manufacturer to make goods suitable for presents for both sexes. The good thing are not for one alone.

M. Nelson & Sons.

### Diamonds.

See Them Sparkle.

Selling more than ever before. We are commanding confidence. People are realizing that to buy of us is to buy of a firm that stands by its promises.

Some Lovely Gems

Bought especially for the late Christmas trade. It may be truthfully urged that we can save you money over city stores. We invite inspection.

Diamond Rings, Diamond Pendants, Diamond Ear Drops.

### Christmas Clocks

Just In.

The very latest in fancy Dresden creations. The swell things in clocks—the fashionable rage.

Black Mantle Clocks.

Nice, extra good things for the price. Our word for it, you can't match the bargains.

### Rogers Groups In Statuettes

World famed goods—the real article. More popular every season. The old way was to buy from catalogue, we permit you to see the statuettes themselves.

Some Especially Fine Groups for Christmas.

They bring delight to every recipient. No trouble about that. And they are not extravagantly high.

M. Nelson & Sons.

## NELSONS' JEWELRY STORE FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

### Fancy Lamps.

Onyx Top Tables.

You see lamps in a score of places, you see the new things at Nelsons' as you see them no where else short of the big cities, and that's no error. To see our lamps is to buy in the day.

Such Tables!

No looking in comparison. Inner this year than ever before, but the prices are lower. That's interesting, isn't it?

### Jewelry.

Reliable Jewelry.

We sell jewelry on honor. Hundreds of new things in pins, chains, lockets, and buttons in link and lever, pins, etc.

Gold Rings.

Solid gold in every desirable shape, size or style, with many handsome settings. Solid rings from \$200 up. Solid baby rings for 75c.

Gold Spectacles.

New line in—complete in every particular.

Special low prices for the Christmas trade—that's right. We have bought so largely in both lines that we can make prices you haven't known before.

We Are Pioneers

In this business—brought these lines to Marion. We will insist on being first to make special low prices.

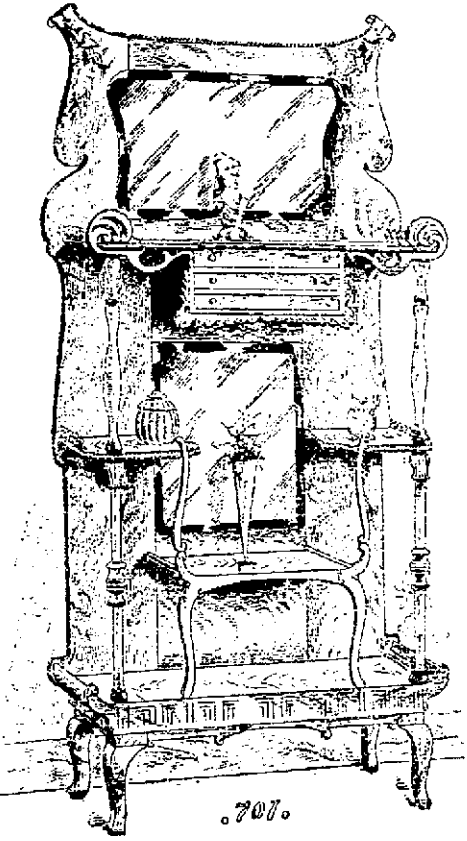
Rich, superbly cut glass—a new shipment just in. The unpacking is not done as we write.

Matchless Decorated China.

M. Nelson & Sons.

CHAS. W. McCLAIN, HOUSE FURNISHING GOODS, NEW Y. M. C. A. BUILDING.

# AN UP-TO-DATE HOME FURNISHING STORE!



**T**HAT'S what we have been trying to give to Marion people. A place where they can confidently expect to find a variety of the very newest and nicest things in Furniture, Stoves, Carpets, Dishes, Lamps, etc. We believe this fall we have succeeded, and we now have the pleasure of inviting you to an inspection of our stock, and especially that portion of it which is more interesting than any other at this season of the year. There will be no band of music, no flowers—but you will not miss them because we think you will be sufficiently entertained and repaid for the visit in other ways. From today until Christmas we extend this invitation, and nothing will be left undone to make your visit a pleasant one whether you wish to buy or not. Few people comparatively seem to appreciate the fact that a furniture store, and particularly a Home Furnishing Store, is the place to visit for Christmas goods. What a wealth of beautiful, dainty, useful things greet one upon every hand! Let us give you a little hint of what we have for you to see and buy:

## Mahogany Parlor Cabinets!

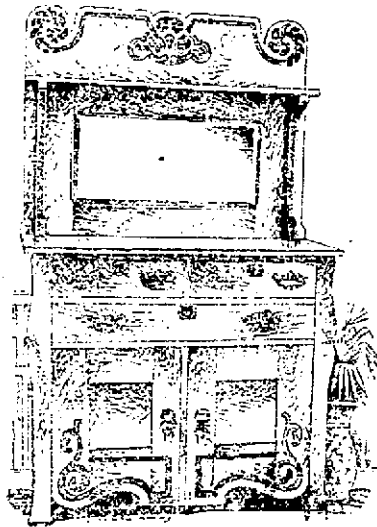
One of our cuts shows you something of what we have in high class, fancy Furniture. This Cabinet is certainly a beauty. Solid Mahogany, Three French Beveled Mirrors, glass doors in front, stands five feet high! Price, \$23.00. Others we have at \$30, \$25 and down to \$7.50.

### MUSIC CABINETS.

Mahogany, Birch, Oak! You can see yourself in the finish and what a pretty and appropriate present!! Prices range from \$5.00 to \$15.00.

### TABOURETTES! TABLES! STANDS!

Endless in Variety and Design! Any kind of wood you want!

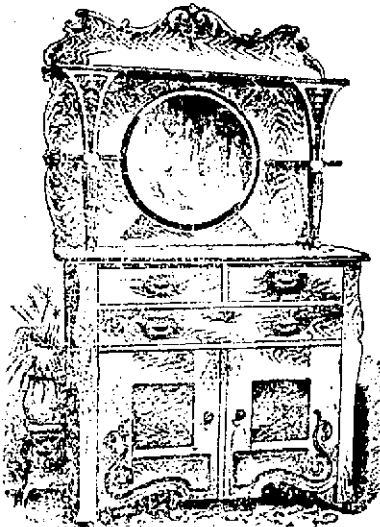


### CHIFFONNIERS!

The most convenient piece of furniture in the home. It makes a good present, too! 6 large, fine drawers, bonnet box, mirror! \$10 to \$20, any wood or finish.

### BLACKING GASES AND... FOOT STOOLS!

Always in demand at this season. We've got a nice lot. You can be suited surely. Prices \$1.75 to \$5.00.

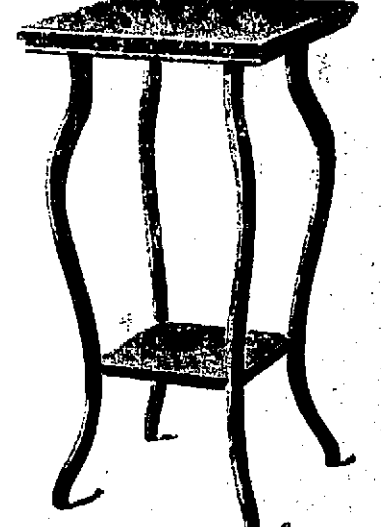


### Banquet Lamps!

Nothing nicer in the world to give away or to keep yourself. There is a wide range in prices. No one can sell as cheap as we do. A beautiful lamp, \$2.50, complete.

### RATTAN WORK BASKETS AND MUSIC RACKS!

You know how pretty they are and how durable and convenient. The price is small, too!

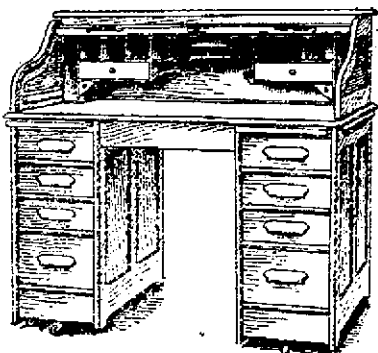


## MIRRORS.

We are making a specialty this year of fine mirrors. Gold, silver, steel, oak, white and gold frames. Just the thing for mantels or parlors. \$8.50 to \$12.00

### Library and Office Desks.

See the cut. What would make a nicer present? We carry a full stock of office furniture.



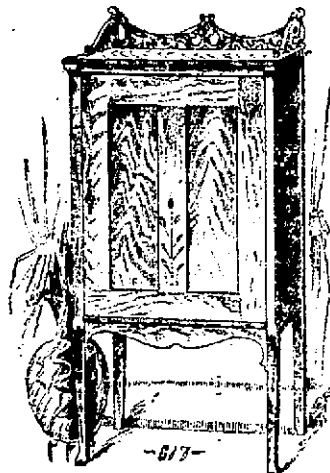
Revolving Library Book Cases, Book Racks, Book Rests and Holders.

## LADIES' Desks and Secretaries Onyx

Never such a variety to select from in Marion, and at prices that are sure to suit you. Just think of an elegant drop leaf secretary with drawers, pigeon-holes, book racks, etc. It would delight any boy or girl, any young man or young woman. Price \$4.00, others up to \$25.

### Gentlemen's Toilet or Dresser.

Just the thing to give your father, brother, sweetheart. Every man wants a nice little case to shave by. This is just the thing. Sorry haven't a cut of it. Come and ask to see them.

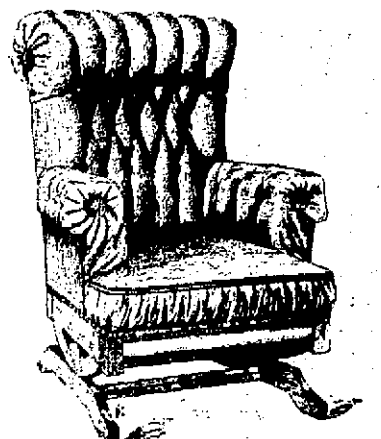


## Stands

Just a nice little lot of pretty stands in this line, but they are at a price you can reach and still have something fine.

### Haviland China.

We've told you of this before. Open stock. Sell you anything out of it. Either white or decorated. Beautiful China. Semi-Porcelain Dinner sets \$7.50 to \$15.



## EASELS AND PICTURES

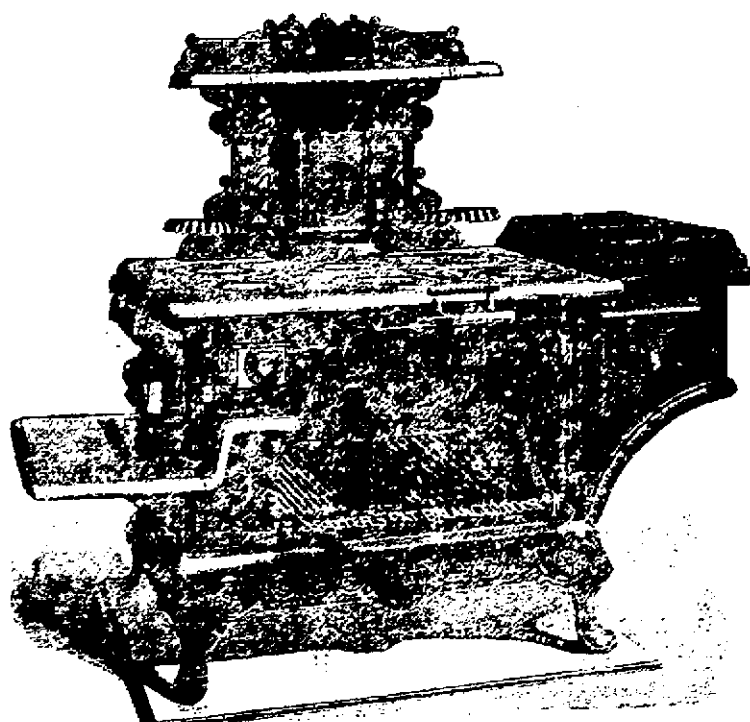
They are pretty. Are as necessary to the complete furnishing of a home as a nice carpet, and cost but little. We have a nice lot to show you. Easels 75 cents to \$5.00. Pictures 50 cents to \$5.00.

### Couches and Lounges!

If you only knew how much of solid comfort you are missing by doing without a nice Couch or Lounge you would not hesitate to invest such a small amount necessary to get one. We are proud of our line. We have anything you want.

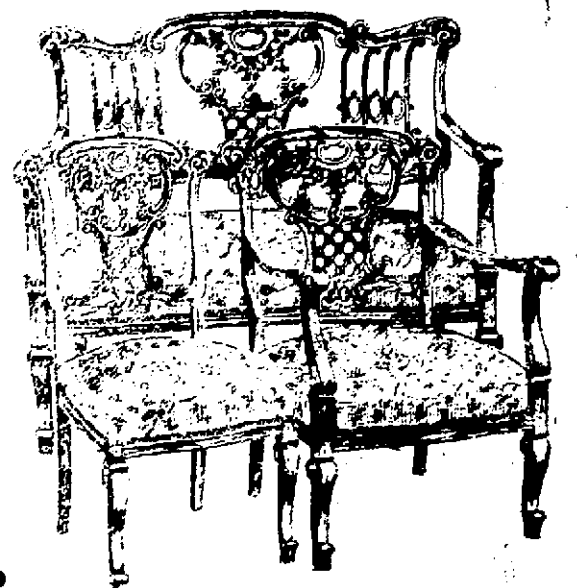
### Can You Come?

We Want to See You!



A Beautiful COUCH For \$9.50.

Ask to See It.

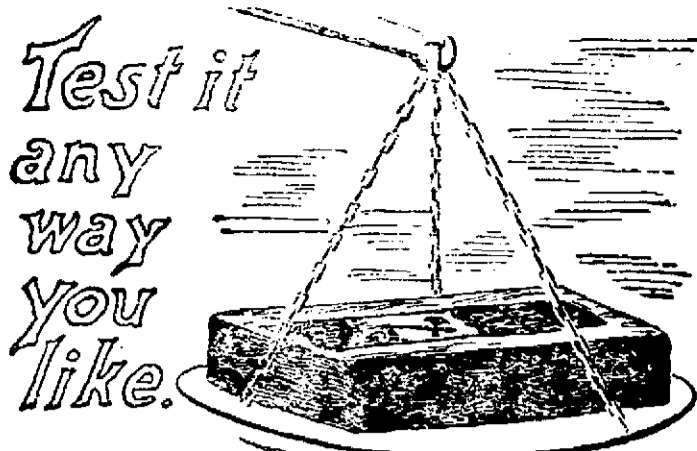


Got Something to Show You.

CHAS. W. McCLAIN,

New Y. M. C. A. Bld.,  
Marion, Ohio.





Test it  
any  
way  
you  
like.

MEASURE IT - WEIGH IT - CHEW IT -  
AND YOU WILL FIND  
**BATTLEAX**  
PLUG



## MORE BOOKS NEEDED

SAY TWO OR THREE HUNDRED VOLUMES FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL.

A Series of Entertainments Prepared To Raise Money for the Needed Purchase. Literary Societies Interested—Local School Notes and News.

The need of two or three hundred additional volumes for the High School library is becoming more apparent each day. There is a room in the new High School building that could be easily fitted up for a library and reading room. Much interest has been taken in the literary societies of the High School, and it is proposed to give a number of entertainments to raise sufficient funds to secure the addition to this library. It has been suggested that it would be well for each of the three societies to give an entertainment and the money derived from these expended toward paying for the much needed books. It is a worthy cause and would secure large patronage from the public. The literary societies would doubtless endeavor to outdo each other in raising the largest amounts for this enterprise.

The general health and attendance of the schools is very good, but in certain quarters of the city the parents and pupils are very indifferent in regard to school matters. This matter will be looked up by the truant officer. The laws in regard to the attendance of the public schools are very stringent, and they are to be enforced.

The cadets are being given an opportunity to practice some teaching. The cadets are given the rooms of the various grades of the different buildings and the regular teachers permitted to visit the rooms of the same grades in the other buildings about the city. This allows the cadets some knowledge of practical school work, and is very enjoyable to the teachers.

The first quarterly institute of the Marion County Teachers' association was held at Prospect today. Several of the teachers of the Marion public schools were in attendance, some of whom participated in the exercises. The ladies' quartet of this city was also present.

## School Entertainment.

An entertainment will be given at the High School auditorium next Friday evening by pupils from primary schools in the different buildings. The entertainment will be in two parts. The first part will be literary and musical and the second part will consist of a Christmas cantata.

The admission will be ten and fifteen cents. The proceeds will be used to purchase music books for the schools.

## BY EXPRESS FRIDAY MORNING.

Our Christmas line of fine umbrellas is just in. They are very swell. Carved ivory handles in gent's umbrellas. Gent's fine umbrellas, with cane to match. Ladies' pearl handles. Ladies' carved ivory handles, natural sticks. All at popular prices. 1812  
Warner & Edwards.

## THE ENTERTAINMENT

At the Presbyterian Church Friday Night a Success.

The children's entertainment at the Presbyterian church Friday night was a success in every way and almost as successful financially as the Mother Goose entertainment at the same church a couple of weeks ago.

Santa Claus, Mother Goose and other characters dear to the children were present and the entertainment was as much enjoyed by those of maturer years present as by the little ones.

All the children did nicely and in the rendition of the evening's program it would be hard to pick a star.

That the attendance was large, much larger than customary is evidenced from the fact that a little over \$28 was taken in for admissions at the door.

Massillon Lump and Massillon Wash Not, by Prendergast Lumber & Coal Co.

## Real Estate Transfers.

Margaret Dudge to Eugene Cleveland, lots 130 and 131 in Marsh's first addition to LaRue, \$1.

Jennie M. Beringer and husband to A. M. Crane, lot 3837 in Scott and Croft's addition to Marion, \$200.

George Yake, Sr., to Michael Yake, 60 acres in Richland township, \$3000.

S. B. Rice, Sheriff, to Sarah E. Sautter, tract of land in Marion, \$894.

Sarah E. Sautter and husband to Chas. Hofstetter, lots 3774 and 3786 in Hill's second addition to Marion, \$1100.

Thos. W. Monnette to D. R. Crissinger, tract of land in Scott township, \$40.

Hugh V. Davis and wife to James Hastings, 46.25 acres in Grand township, \$1200.

Mary Baldant and husband to Anna Feaster, lot 1443 in Reed, Uhler and True's addition to Marion, \$2000.

The "Victoria" Sweeper makes the finest Christmas present in the world. Sold only by Kling & Wilson. 1810

## Probate Court.

Geo. S. McGuire, assignee of John Riley, 3d, filed second and final account, hearing Feb. 4, 1896.

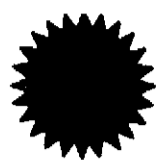
Marriage license issued to Oscar W. Midam and Missouri C. Bennett.

Marriage license issued to Frederick C. Stamp and Retta Barnett.

Margaret E. Stewart, executrix of the will of John Hastings, deceased, filed second account. Hearing Feb. 4, 1896.

John F. Bisset, guardian of George J. C. Bisset, filed fourth account. Hearing Feb. 4, 1896.

## Others May Talk Volumes



About their goods and their prices, yet the public knows that the Nice Goods, the New Goods, the Desirable Goods, are sold by—

## Turney at Turney's Prices.

ALWAYS THE LOWEST.

ONLY EXCLUSIVE JEWELRY STORE IN THE CITY!

## THIS, THAT AND THE OTHER.

Marion and Marion county is pretty well represented wherever you go. Her people can be found in all sorts and conditions of places. At the Cotton States exposition, in Atlanta, just at the entrance of Midway, can be found a Marion county girl. It is Miss Blanche Smythe. She has charge of one of the booths in the Mexican village. Miss Smythe is of Prospect, O., daughter of the proprietor of the hotel at that place. She has been at the exposition since its opening, is studying Spanish and looking after the relics that are found for sale in her booth.

This is the season of the year when the rural resident may look forward to a visit most any night from his city cousin. It is sleighing time and the city beaux and belles form parties and drive to the farm houses. They take the refreshments, but the housewife must prepare them, they furnish the music and the light fantastic is danced over the carpet until it is worn threadbare and the house is torn upside down. Then the farmer hitches up the horses in the cold and the city folks drive back to town. But the country cousins get even on circus day.

The sound of seven-come-eleven is becoming more familiar. The vernacular of the terms or phrases of crap shooting are becoming as familiar here almost as in Chicago or New Orleans.

The story is told of Grover Cleveland that when in Buffalo he used to enjoy a social game of poker, and could easily hold four kings without giving his hand away, but now that he has moved into the executive mansion, the best he can do is to hold three queens, but he thinks pretty well of them.

The fact is daily more emphatically expressed that the new woman is becoming more numerous. Not that class that goes about in the festive bloomer, but in every day life. Now the Elks of this city are to be entertained by their wives in their own elegant quarters. The Elks do not object, and perhaps would not even if they were going to be entertained by somebody else's wives.

Marion's stocking, with her opera house, paved streets, new business blocks, etc., is pretty full this Christmas, but if Santa Claus could find room for a few modern depots, not only the local residents would thank that mythical being, but the traveling public as well.

Down in Bellefontaine they do not have saloons. They are called "speakeasies." Drinks are sold under an assumed name. The fellow who wants a fresh drink of lager calls for cold coffee and he gets a beer in a coffee cup, the gentlemen who get up in the morning and want an appetizer must call for a little cold tea and he gets the old Bourbon in the same kind of vessel, and these dealers only pay the government license.

No present would be more acceptable to a gentleman for Xmas than some elegant fitting shirts made by the Marion Shirt Mfg Co., opposite Masonic block.

Awarded Highest Honors—World's Fair.

**DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER**  
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PLUSH AND CELLULOID GOODS In styles and at prices never offered before

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But an honest fact that you can save 50 per cent. by buying of us. You know us. We carry the best stock in the city. You know our prices. Come! Call.

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## What Do You Think?

Sensible Christmas giving is conceded the proper and fashionable thing, nowadays. A pronounced authority on fashionable fancies says "My lady's Christmas gift this year will be shoes—its the fad."



Fad or no fad, its a mighty sensible thing. Every daughter of Eve is interested in her footwear. A swell shoe brings delight. It's our business to supply your wants in this line.

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Ladies' 20th Century Shoes.

The latest—an extreme pointed toe, tailor made for the fin de siècle woman.

Ladies' Enamel Shoes—

A heavy winter shoe, but very stylish and always comfortable.

## Men's Shoes

In the raging Enamel,  
In the Patent Leather,  
In the Winter Tan;  
In the Box Calf.

The late things as you find them in the best city stores—only our prices are less. Cork soles for those who prefer them.

Complete Variety of Men's Slippers.

Get the size right and you please the man. Making home comfortable is made easier if the men have the right slippers.

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# Preparations For Christmas!

❁ Next Week the Tide of Trade Reaches the Flood! ❁

**H**OLIDAY distribution will be under full swing at the great department store. Of no other store is so much demanded. The expectation is complimentary—to meet it costly. But we meet it. Thousands of bargains may be had here for Xmas giving at incomparably low prices. The whole store is filled with Holiday suggestions. There is pleasure in anticipation and incalculable joy in realization, especially when our matchless values are understood.

The Holiday Department, on the third floor, has had explicit, distinct and constant endeavors. It is a great store in itself. But the holiday spirit permeates the whole store. It's the one great Christmas shopping place. Join the satisfied throng, be among the bargain getters. Come Monday, come Tuesday, come Wednesday, come every day or come evenings. We are open every night till Xmas.

## WOMEN'S FUR CAPES AND CLOTH JACKETS.

Equal garments in this line cost you 50 per cent. more elsewhere. This sounds extravagant. But remember we bought Furs late—after the fearful tumble in prices—and closed out a New York stock so that we could sell Furs at less than competitors bought theirs. They won't acknowledge this, of course, but it's the truth.

### NOTE THESE PRICES AND INVESTIGATE THE GARMENTS.

Triple Capes, Electric Seal, each cape edged with Thibet, lined with fancy Silk, truly \$35 garment, \$15.00.  
Same Cape in Wool Seal, same price.  
30-inch Wool Seal Capes, 110 inch sweep, edged with Thibet or Martin, \$45 and \$50 garments, \$35.00.  
All Coney, Astrakhan, Electric Seal Capes at a reduced price. Some at half price.  
Beaver and Otter Capes—too many on hand, so knife the price to argue sales. They must go.  
\$50 Beaver Capes for \$25.  
\$65 and \$75 Beaver Capes now \$37.50.  
\$90 and \$100 Beaver Capes now \$40 and \$60.

### 150 NEW JACKETS

For Ladies and Misses, new this season, principally 4 button box front, some bias front, some with storm collars, some with new square collars, all have ripple backs, some half satin lined, some entirely lined with silk or satin—Every one of these at a reduced price, mind you—  
**EVERY ONE AT A REDUCED PRICE.**  
Many more bought by us less than two weeks ago, bought at 60 cents on the dollar. They are all right and marked close. We are bound to sell them by Xmas.

### Wraps For a Song.

Quite a number of Carried-Over Wraps yet to sell. We're honest about it; they are last year's Wraps. We would rather accept your price now than to have to throw them away later. Your price (practically) buys them. Good, warm Wraps (never worn) for 75 cents each.



## HOLIDAY DRESS STUFF.

It does not take a bit of the sentiment away from gift time, to use one's common sense in choosing the gifts. And that explains the growing demand for dress lengths.

But these prices help:

Half-wool, plain colored Wrapper goods, 8 yds. for 99c.

All-wool Henriettas and Serges, in 12 colorings, at 25c.

40-inch German Henriettas, 60c other places, here 39c.

A score of fancy Dress Goods, in all-wool, some silk mixtures, at 25c.

Don't think we have not the intermediate goods between 25c and the expensive Pattern Suits. We have. **ALL PATTERN SUITS ARE REDUCED.**

### Silks and Dress Goods.

Others may and do tell you of their black dress goods, their advantageous purchases in black silks, but honestly, you must see ours to know highest merit in a perfect blend with low prices.

The large figures, the Paris designs made on American looms, at \$1.50, have set Marion's fashionable Silk buyers agog.

SPRING, 1896. The new Dresden and Persian effects in Silks, just in, are forerunners of spring. Ought not to say it till Xmas is past, but we can't help it. Enthusiasm can't be confined.

### French and German Flannels

FOR HOUSE DRESSES.

The new colorings, in Persian figures and ombre stripes. Plain grounds, with colored shots. For beautiful house dresses, tea gowns and dressing sacks.



### Animal Neck Scarfs

Of Beaver, Neutra or Minx, ranging from \$1.98 to \$5.00. We believe every one is worth double the price asked.

### Xmas Shawls.

Let it be Paisley, Persian, Beaver, or Black Shawls of any kind—they are all here, at prices that are agreeable to the customer. The shawls argue their own sale.

### Christmas Kid Gloves.

There is but one best Kid Glove Store. Not our say—so for it; rather ask the wearers of Kid Gloves who have learned that none equal ours.

Kid Gloves in all colors and black, at 50c.

Kid Gloves in all colors and black, at 75c.

Pique Kid Gloves, sold at \$1.50 elsewhere, is only \$1.00. Trefousse Kid Glove for your best. It is made in Grenoble, France, the Kid Glove center of the world. Trefousse is the best. No mistake about that.

### Christmas Linens.

Every housewife has an eye for pretty linens. That is the reason why it is so easy to select a gift that one may depend upon being appropriate.

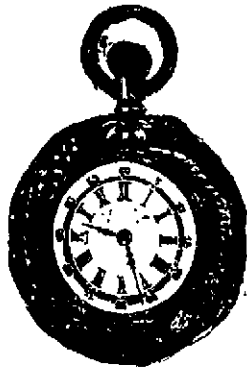
We sell the German linens. They are woven from round thread, that is the reason they look so well after being washed.

Unbleached German linens from 25 to 75 cents.

Bleached German linens from 50c to \$1.50, with napkins to match the cloths in either 5-8 or 1/2 sizes.

Hundreds of dozens of towels at any price.

## THIRD FLOOR HOLIDAY DEPT.



Sterling Silver Swiss Movement, \$3.75.

Gold and Silver watches, just the same as the jewelers sell, except in price, at half what you regularly pay. Ladies' Sterling Silver Chatelaine watches, at \$2.75.  
Ladies' Gold Watches, filled cases, American or Swiss movements at \$9.75, \$12.50 and \$15.  
Boys' Nickel Watches, extra good, \$1.50.  
Gents' heavy Silver Watches at \$5.00.  
Gents' Gold Watches, filled cases, Elgin movements, \$10.00, \$15.00, \$17.50.  
Ladies' Solid Gold Opera Chains for \$3.00.  
Finger Rings, plain or set, an immense variety, at half jewelers' prices.

### Plate Silver Ware—Best Quadruple Plate.

One counter full. Designs elicit compliments.

### Sterling Silver Spoons! Sterling Silver Novelties!

Jewelers' talk about "dry goods jewelry" is all balder dash. Sour grapes, every word of it. The Elgin movement in watches is the same in one as the other. Best plated ware is the same the world over. The difference is in the dry goods prices. Dry goods profits are less than half.

### FANCY CHINA!

Cups and Saucers. Plates and Fancy Dishes. Tete Tete Sets. Vases. Fern Dishes—new here. Chamber Sets, extra choice. Not the fancy prices known at China stores, but at Frank prices. We bought direct from the importer while in New York.

### HUNDREDS OF DOLLS!

Bring the children. It's a treat for them to see our Doll collection. Cheap Dolls, fine Dolls, Jointed Dolls, all kinds of Dolls.

### Christmas Handkerchiefs.

Immense satisfaction in buying from this great collection. All carried over handkerchiefs are reduced in prices.

Your choice of any handkerchiefs in the store for \$1.00. Some sold before at \$2.50.

Reductions on lower priced ones are not so sweeping, but the prices are greatly cut.

Hundreds of dozens of new handkerchiefs, bought from the manufacturer's agent, saving the middleman's profit to you. You will see it in the prices.

### RIBBONS AND LACES

Are at this same counter.

Shopping Bags, Pocketbooks, Purses, and all kinds of Notions.

### Millinery Dep't.

Our season is practically closed, the head trimmer going to Chicago. The Millinery in stock will be closed out at almost any price. Can't help it—it's our way. Lose money, of course, but what's the use of us trying to sell '95 Millinery next spring? All trimmed hats, Tam O'Shanter, felt sailors, walking hats, children's bonnets, aigrets, flowers, feathers, fur and birds at half, at a quarter of original prices.

## MAKE A NOTE OF IT

That we can't pretend to tell you all. Three pages wouldn't be enough. We wonder where an enumerating list would end. It goes to prove that ours is the great Xmas store. Every endeavor is made, every energy strained to please you. If prices, goods and proper attention will win, we'll help make you a merry Christmas.

# D. A. Frank & Co.



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As I have no explanation to offer of the following experience, and something of that kind, more or less ingenious, is expected of any one daring to tell what is supernatural, it is only right to state, by way of compensation, various circumstances which may have influenced my mind. Christmas fell that year on Friday, and Wednesday night I had spent at the Lodge, as I often did in those days when the general and Kate Carnegie were living there, and the old house had still a roof and a warm hearth. The colonel was a guest at the time, who had been a very desperate fighter—Cleveland's Horse are still commended with santon on the Indian frontier—and now was a very poor preacher, preaching an endless source of amusement to Drumtochty. There was another soldier—five feet in height, and a tache round the chest, and as genial as any man could wish to meet—had obtained the Victoria Cross for gallantry in a room at Lucknow to save a woman's life. Winter was very beautiful and heartening with us, and the colonels had come to spend Christmas with their old companion in arms, as they had spent it together in various places of the past, where they had fought a battle, or where they had followed a noble belief, or where they had won a sword belt. One could see the old warriors without a trace of curiosity, and Kate came to my room that evening with cunning allusions, that ought to have been irresistible, but nothing would induce one of them to open his mouth about the things he had done or seen in those years when with his fellows he had guarded the waters of the empire. The colonel could not be weaned from the beast in Revelation, on which he had got some new light that very morning, and the general as full of Jamie Sontar's last story.

Drumtochty, he declared, was the case for humor, also for scenery and as for Victoria Cross, he could speak only to herself, and which he solemnly averred—challenging the others to deny it if they dared—was monumental in its excellence and such as no mortal could have deserved. We had two standard toasts on great occasions. "The queen, God bless her," and "Kate Carnegie," and well did the old flows show, standing erect over the black woodwork, and against the black and woodwork, with their close-cropped gray hair and bronzed faces. Then Kate looked at me, standing up with her glass in her hand, for she was a gallant lass and a bonnie, as became Carnegie's daughter, and coupled each man's name with a certain battlefield till the veterans were utterly abashed and severely rebuffed me to understand that all this was only a girl's daffing. It struck me, however, that they were wonderfully pleased, and when V. C. opened the door for Kate he told her boldly he wished he were 40 years younger, whereat Kate threatened to box his ears, but thought the better of it and kissed him instead.

"Kate kissed me first when she was a little tottle and I was a young dog of a subaltern." "That was in Lucknow, Kinloch," said the general, "and a shell broke five minutes afterward in the room." And nothing more was said by any man till we went to the smoking room. We talked of various things, and at last we lighted upon ghosts. Of course, every man announced ostentatiously that he did not believe in such absurd nonsense, except myself, who am a Highlander and soaked in superstition, but finally we agreed, upon a mutual understanding of infidelity, to describe any incident in our lives that ignorant people might call supernatural. Our host led off with one that left us thoughtful, and the colonel deepened the impression, but the V. C.'s story was so wonderful that none was asked from me. We kept close together going up the stairs to the old wing, and when the turret door slammed, it was not the evil that dropped his candlestick.

Next morning the general was closely questioned why he had opened and shut various doors in his room and admitted that he did not tell an amiable, preferring to meet his foe in the open, and I thought it only fair to confess my suspicions of a large black chest, whose light was falling as I walked home.

The Cottage after luncheon, through the woods on the other side of the Loch, and all the horror of the V. C.'s story was in my mind—a face appearing at the foot of your bed. My little one looked eerie as I came up the garden, and I started when a man opened the door in place of my housekeeper.

"It's me, sir," said Jamie Sontar, "your housekeeper ask me the wait till ye can in, for she's off wi' a bottle o' wine to Barbara Stewart. A just happened to be a cry in passing, and Jamie studied himself down in my big chair by the study fire for a talk."

Now, no man's conversation I have ever known had such a smack, and ordinarily it was full of dry, biting humor, but this evening Jamie was grave. He would speak of nothing but

the "resurrection" days, when a guard kept watch over the kirkyard by night that the bodies of the dead might not be lifted, and every man had to take his turn. "The Drumtochty folk are no' pushin'," said Jamie, "at our time, and their authority about gardin' the kirkyard was by ordinar. As sure as a'm sittin' here, they jist quarrelled hoo tae pit the honor on ane another. "It was the smith's father 'at kept the key o' the deadhouse an' gied us our directions. He had an awfu' tongue, an' naebody durd complain 'at he wasna faithfu' afore he left the twa men for the night. "Man, a was jist a bit birkie at the time. But a bear him fine laying down the law tae auld Hillocks an' Tammas Mitchell's father, an' a can see them shiverin' in their claithe. "Ye'll be fine an' comfortable in here, but ye munna droun' no sleep. There's the lid o' a coffin for a seat in the corner. Dinna shut the door or ye'll no hear the clink o' the spades, an' ye'll need the gae yir rounds since in the oor. "Here's twa sticks, in case ye catch them at a grave, an' a gun wi' a charge o' suna' scattering shot for emergencies. Dinna be feared to shoot gun they wull na listen tae reason. Half a dizzin pellets in their legs'll be a lesson, but for our sake dinna be wylst'n yir pooter on ginkies an' sue like. It's no chauce, an' it costs money. "Gin ye see anything wile when ye're dawdlerin' round, dinna be hysty. It might be a sheep or a lamb—slip up quiet an' tak' a conjunct view. It's no likely the'll be mair nor ye can maister atween ye, but gin ye be hard pit tae, gie a cry an' I'll be hear ye doon bye, an' come up. Weel, that's a, an' a'll be gaein hame. Ye're looking mair conthly in there in this dark blawy night. "A watched him gae doon the road, an' a declare the smith was shaking wi' the sight o' auld Hillocks sittin' in the back end o' the deid house, no able tae say be word, wi' a stick on either side o' him an' a gun in his hand. "Sall, they were clever lads though, thae lifters," continued Jamie—who was now in great fettle—"gin they didna raise a wumman frae the heich elen 'at had been buried the day afore."



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There was two men in the house an' they kept nae thing about it. "A Sittin' man 'at was sittin' on wi' an' a wumman, saw a gae come doon frae Drumtochty in the gray o' the mornin'. There was twa men in it an' a wumman 'atween them wi' a veil on her face. He didna like the wye she was sittin', an' he came up in the afternoon. "Is that Jess back?" And Jamie listened. "A thocht a heard a step in the kitchen." But it ceased, and we concluded that it had been our mistake. "Speakin' about lifters," but I had not spoken of any such thing, and was anxious to abandon the subject, "a'll tell ye a story 'at's never passed my lip, afore, an' is kent tae nae hvin man." Jamie listened again, and then drew his chair closer to the fire.

"Div ye mind an' auld man 'at livit at the end o' the clachan an' auld in the big storm, where they had tae dig out the parish kirk an' Sabbath, nae never lookit ye in the face, an' auld naething but grumple gin ye spoke tae him? "Weel, as nae, about the gloamin', Robert comes in an' sits doon by nae fire-side as in daen noo, but never a word said a gae frae him for maybe half an oor exceptin'. "Hoo's a wi' ye the night, Jamie? "He was sifter something a saw fine, for he lookit at me aizee an' he shapit his mouth for speakin' twice, but naething cam, so a hurried me chair an' the scrapin on the floor set him aff. "Ye're a bodie, Jamie," he said

"Ay, ay, a wumman say but a wis. "Ye can hand yir tongue at a time?" "A've seen me manage, 'an then he lookit at me again. "Ye'll be easier when it's aff yir mind, Robert, but little a thocht what was comin'. Sall, there's times when a'm sittin' by mase' in the house a wush he had kept it tae himself. "What's ye?" But it was only a loose spray o' ivy swishin' on the window. You might have thought it was a knock. "Div ye mind a genkeeper, Jamie, an' he drew his chair nearer him, 'at deen be hairt time five air forty year ago?"

"Fine, Robert, a buirdly man, an' a scuppit aff sae sudden that the folk were feared o' the cholera, an' he was beiried the same day. The doctor gied his first prayer that day, an' tho' it was only a beginnin' it promised weel. "An' did ye ever see a young student, Robert speurs next, 'auld Grommoch's sister's son, 'at cam tae Drumtochty an' on in the summer, a weel built callant wi' a cast in ane o' his een?"

"Weel, him an' me got chief over the fishin' an' other tricks, an' aifter the beirial he cam round an' we gied up tae the burn. A jaloused he was aifter something, for he wadna fish, but aye lookit at me. "Jist the same as ye lookit at me, Robert," says I, but he didna hear. "It's a peety we dinna ken what the genkeeper deid o', says he tae me, 'it wud be a satisfaction tae his freends tae pit a name on't. A'nd tell in half an oor, Robert, gin a hed him up, but it'll need twa o's, for he's a heavy man."

"Jamie, a got sic a turn 'at a near fell intae the Kelpie's hole, an' a tell him 'at a wud hae mae the dar wi' his lifting tricks, but he got round me in the end an' a promised tae meet him at the kirkyard that night."

"There was a weel licht frae a half mune, an' the grave was fresh happit. We warena hang o' haein the coffin out, but Jamie," he said, "a did nae mair, a turned nae back when he began on the screws. "The student gied a scorch, an' Jamie, as sate's deid, here Robert grippit ma arm like a vice, 'the genkeeper was sittin' up in his graveclothes an' lookin' 'at's wi' his eyes wide open. "Lord's sake, man," a said tae Robert, 'what garded him fleo the country then like a thief an' div ye ken what cam over him? It had been a swoon, a'm jidgin'."

"Jamie," says Robert, 'he's lyin there yet, but a didna touch him, an' it was jist fricht on the student's part. "The spade was lyin tae his hand. "Div ye mean to say ho? "Ay, Jamie, he did, an' a helpit tae bury the body again, an' a little time was lost. "He's deid, that student, noo, far from here, an' Jamie, a could keep it lauger. "A've heard a step in ma house lika night for a month, an' a ken nae time's no far off."

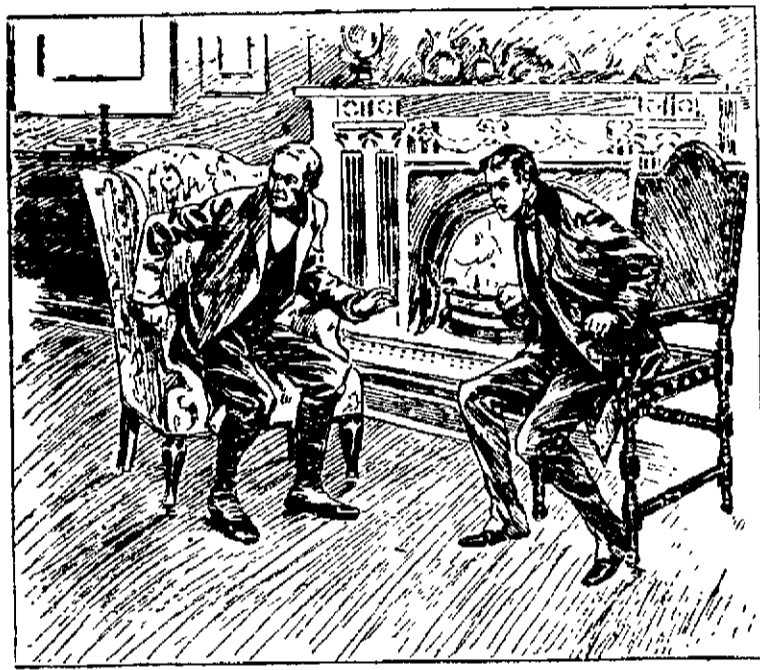
My lamp was lying ready, and I went to the lobby door and hesitated. Why? Liked to sit in the dark? No, not that evening. Did not want to work? It happened that an article was overdue and the editor had allowed himself to write evil words. An unaccountable dislike to go into the kitchen seized me, and I went back to the big chair by the study fire. The black and tan, who had been very restless all evening, jumped upon my knee and licked my hand as if grateful for protection, although not a dog usually carried by sentiment. The house was perfectly still and the fire was soothing and I fell asleep. I could not have slept more than a few minutes when I was awakened by a terrific crash, evidently in the kitchen. The noise was unmistakable—the fall of tin dishes on the floor—and I at once jumped to a conclusion. For some months a number of suspicious characters had been taking refuge in the district under pretence of working on our quarry, and we had been warned to be careful. For the first time in the history of the Glen, doors were locked and windows bolted. Dr. Davidson was actually stopped on the road after dark and asked for the time, in a menacing tone, by a stranger who was, however, so awed by the minister's manner that he disappeared into a field, and Mrs. Macfarlane, a woman not given to hysteria, came into Hillocks' breathless, one Friday evening, because footstep had dogged her through the pine woods. We were, in short, prepared for a burglary that would raise us to the privilege of town life, and in the supposed absence of its inmates the cottage had been plainly selected for a first experiment. Burglars are understood to be unpleasant persons; ours were said to be also murderous, and, without being afraid, one may have a becoming modesty about his skill in single combat, but I was conscious of a distinct sense of relief. One had at least escaped from an atmosphere of horror and now it was merely the question of a scrimmage. Ought I to lie quiet till the intruders came along the lobby, and then meet them with polite words at the study door? "This is quite an unexpected pleasure. Will you come into the study, take care of the table?" that kind of thing? Or had I better dash down the passage noisily and pull open the door amid a fit of coughing to find that the visitors had naturally departed through the kitchen window? The latter course commended itself to me, mainly on charitable grounds. No one wishes to put his fellow man to shame nor leave him without a way of escape. It is in such circumstances that misguided men grow hard and do things they (as well as other people) must regret. No, the poor fellows, however unfortunate may have been their intentions, will have a timely warning.

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"No, no, the little room was as dreary as usual. What about the crash? The covers hung in a row, polished and bright, and a meat jack stood with unimpeachable respectability in a corner. There was nothing to account for that clatter of falling dishes. How sudden and irresistible is a panic and how accelerating! Would it be three seconds between the fireplace of the kitchen and the fireplace of the study, including stumbling over the sticks and looking the study door? There could be no person in that kitchen, for the firelight showed every corner. But one felt as if he were in danger. In fact, going to be crashed. What nonsense! First time I ever saw the perspiration fall from my forehead and my hand is shaking. How ghastly is the light from the snow! Darkness would be better. Why did I not bring the lamp with me? I would not go for it now though one gave me

Had often done the same thing before—but habit of shouting orders instead of ringing—but never uttered how unpleasant is the sound of a voice in an empty house; quite gressome. Might go into kitchen and make certain she had not come back, but it would be absurd, for I could be heard in the stable. Besides, what good was there in a man rambling through the house? Very like



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THE END.  
1 CENT PIECES.

The Great Demand For Them and the Reason of It.

Ever since August last there has been an exceedingly heavy demand on the United States treasury for 1 cent pieces. This demand is not confined to any one commercial center, but comes alike from all sections of the country. Treasury officials attribute it to the growing custom in dry goods establishments and other business houses of marking down prices from round figures, which practice naturally requires a good supply of pennies for making change. Prior to its adoption the 1 cent piece cut a very small figure in ordinary shopping transactions.

Although the demand has been general for the last two months, it has been conspicuously heavy of late in the case of Chicago and St. Louis, and the theory is advanced that this special demand is due to the availability of the 1 cent piece for the purchase of local newspapers. The stock of pennies in the sub-treasuries at Chicago and St. Louis was nearly exhausted a week ago, and it was found necessary to call upon another sub-treasury for assistance in that respect.

The treasury department is doing its best to meet the demand, and for the last two months the mint at Philadelphia has kept three presses constantly in operation for the exclusive coinage of 1 cent pieces. The daily output has been 150,000 pieces, of the value of \$1,500. The government apparently derives a profit of \$1,200 a day on this coinage, the seigniorage being at the rate of nearly 80 per cent of the face value of the coins. This profit disappears, of course, when the coins are redeemed. It is estimated that there are 750,000,000 1 cent pieces outstanding. —Washington Star.

A Story of Famine.

The death of Alexander Dumas recalls a story relating to his birth which is fairly as true as history.

When the elder Dumas was still a very young man, he was wretchedly poor. He hired a garret in a cheap Paris lodging house. The first night he was in the house he was groping his way up stairs when suddenly his match went out. He stumbled along in the darkness, light by light, just as he reached the eighth floor, a little sewing woman who had been burning the midnight candle above her head, said: "You are the new lodger, aren't you? I will show you the way to your room."

Dumas moved from the lodging house very soon after that, and the little sewing woman went with him. Subsequently she became the mother of Alexander Dumas fils. —New York Sun.

Waded While Hypnotized.

If the story told by Mrs. George Fullbridge of Ann Arbor is true, George is a bold, bad Scoundrel. Mrs. Fullbridge was formerly Miss Mary Lordfield, a popular young lady of that city. She was engaged to marry a student named Weir in the law department. In the bill for divorce she claims that on Sept. 9, 1895, Fullbridge took her to Ypsilanti, hypnotized her and compelled her to marry him under the name of Mary French. Then, she alleges, he took her to Kalamazoo and maltreated her. Ten days later she returned to her father's home in Ann Arbor, and now seeks a divorce. —Chicago Times-Herald.

Christmas Table Decorations.

In planning for Christmas festivities the question of table decorations is of real importance. Therefore suggestions for a unique and artistically arranged dinner table may be of service. The covers may be laid for as many as may be desired. In the center have a square table of holly, from the middle of which there may rise a small Christmas tree suitably decorated. At either end of this table stand the candelabra, which for this occasion should have red candles and red shades. At each lady's place have a corsage bouquet of bright red flowers tied with red ribbon, and for the gentlemen bouquets of mistletoe. Have suspended above the table a holly leaf and a large bell of red flowers, from the top of which, reaching to each plate, may hang red ribbons about an inch wide, held in place by the weight of the dinner card, which should be perforated near the top, allowing the end of the ribbon to pass through and tie in a bow. On the upper side of the card should be written the guest's name.

Rise, Holy Morn!

The time draws near, the birth of Christ: The morn is bud; the night is still: The Christmas bells from hill to hill Answer each other in the mist.

Rise, happy morn! rise, holy morn! Draw forth the cheerful day from night! Ring out the darkness of the land! Gling in the Christ that is to be! —Tennyson.

Great Luck.

"I hear your husband has been out shooting. Did he have any luck?" asked Mr. Fitzroy of Mrs. Shiftless. "Oh, yes, he had luck, if you please to call it so. He saved two fingers of his right hand." —Pearson's Weekly.

Reference For Famed.

Many persons who would not apt avow themselves Christians express admiration and reverence for Christ.

Noche Buena.

In Spain Christmas eve is called "noche buena," or "the good night."

CHRISTMAS CHAT.

Rhyme, Reason and Superstition of the Day.

In a rare tract, published in 1653, are the lines,

Let's dance and sing and make good cheer, For Christmas comes but once a year.

though Thomas Tusser, a century before this, had written in his "Five Hundred Points of Good Husbandry," and had advised people it was necessary to at

Christmas play and make good cheer. For Christmas comes but once a year.

Previous writers had even furnished the same sage advice, but it is in "Marion" we are told that—

When the grim boar's head frowned on high, Crested with bay and rosemary, haved by Plump porridge-stool and Christmas pie; Nor failed old Scotland to produce As such high tide her savory goose.

Next in importance to the boar's head as a Christmas dish came the peacock; and to prepare argus for the table, according to an English chronicler, was no slight care.

The preliminary action was to take off carefully the skin without loss or injury to the plumage, when, after being roasted and then, "partially cooled," it was again enveloped in its coat of feathers, and its beak was gilded.

"In guise of naturalness" it now appeared on the table. Abundance of spices and much store of sweet herbs and basting with yolks of eggs and rich gravy combined to make it "a lordly dish," when it was served by lady guests, precedence being given to those most distinguished for youth and beauty. It was borne to the banquet hall by one of the "fayre maydeus," and to the sound of music. The other ladies followed in procession, and the master of the house or his most distinguished guest received it with proper dignity.

Upon very marked occasions of festivity the bird was served in a wonderful Christmas pie. At one end his plumed crest waved above the crust, and at the opposite, unfolded in all its glory, was the spread tail. Then in the most approved fashion of the period, knights errant took oath of fealty to lovely woman in distress. Hence, it is added, Justice Shallow desired to take oath, "by cock and pie."

From a curious old song it is learned that it was folk to be peculiarly fortunate when Christmas day fell on a Sunday and exactly the reverse if it occurred on Saturday. This year it comes on that day of ill omen among the Italians, or Tuesday. —ALBERT F. SOUTHWICK.

Roast Sucking Pig With Apples.

Select a young pig that has been fed on sow's milk only. Scald, dress and mangle it and place in soak in cold water for about three hours. Then drain and dry well with a coarse towel and salt and pepper lightly inside.

For the stuffing take four medium sized onions chopped fine, with a pound of larding pork cut into small pieces, and brown together in a pan over the fire. Then add the pig's liver after it has been well cleaned and cut fine, together with 1 1/2 pounds of forcemeat and a pound of the heart of a white loaf of bread that has been soaked in cream.

Cook together a few minutes and then remove from the fire and add salt and pepper to suit taste; also one pinch of ground nutmeg, half an ounce each of sage and thyme, a bunch of parsley chopped, fine and 6 raw eggs, and mix well together.

Stuff the pig with the material thus prepared, sew up the opening, skewer the legs, oil the skin with the best olive oil and bake in a moderate oven for about 2 1/2 hours.

Take one dozen medium size apples, scored, pared and quartered, and glaze with powdered sugar. Serve with a thick gravy and apple sauce. —New York Herald.

Decoration For the Church.

If the platform of a church or Sunday school room be deep enough to admit of it, an artistic Christmas arch can easily be made by an amateur carpenter. The upper part should have vines stretched across, to which may be fastened small hemlock boughs, thus forming a solid mass of green. The framework should of course be bound with evergreen, the whole placed about two feet from the wall, so that behind it may be hung the Christmas bells of red and yellow immortelles at different lengths by ropes of evergreen. These bells may be made to hang at different angles by using thin picture wire, which would not be visible from the pews. Let each bell be worded so that they may seem to ring out their own song of "glory to God in the highest." The lower part of the arch should be arranged to form a dado of green about four feet high. —Exchange.

Christmas Keeping.

Without little children there can be no real Christmas keeping, for it is of a truth a child festival, while, apart from holier things, there are the many pretty ceremonies, half myth, half truth, that belong to the child world alone. —Faith Fenton.

God Bless 'Em.

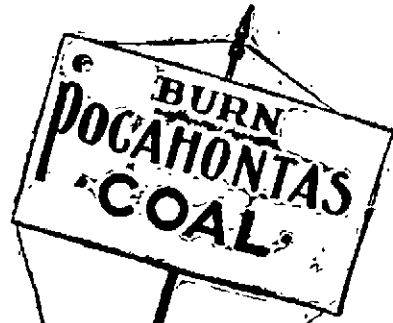
Christmas coming with a rush— Hail the coming day! If our hearts are not too flush, Check us of children's joy. —All our Contribution.

So We Cant.

The Christmas fires are glowing, There'll be no cold time by and by, When the fire is in the grate, and we can all shake hands and sing. —Atlanta Constitution.

We're Waitin' For Em Now.

The dogs are on the pogram track, They lay with one accord, And if the dogs are not in the race, We'll sing and praise the Lord. —Atlanta Constitution.



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PERSONAL.

F. V. Hills, of Delaware, was in the city today.  
Mrs. Z. T. Downing is visiting at Roundhead, Ohio.  
Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Osborne are home from a visit at Cleveland.  
E. B. Moore will attend the church dedication at LaRue Sunday.  
G. W. Sells returned home this morning from a business trip to Upper Sandusky.  
Miss Zoa Frae, of Green Camp, is the guest of Miss Kate Hopkins, on south High street.  
Word was received here today that the condition of Mrs. T. J. McMurray was not improving.  
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Byers are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Shitt, of east George Street.  
Attorney L. E. Myers went over to LaRue this afternoon to look after some legal business.  
Mrs. G. W. Baker has returned from Scott Town, where she spent two weeks attending upon a sick sister.  
Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Franks returned to their home in Hoopston, Ill., after visiting friends here for the last two weeks.  
Mrs. Beard and two children and Miss Katie and Mr. William Cope have returned to Union City, Ind., after a pleasant visit in this city.  
Misses Edna and Elma Burton, daughters of Dr. and Mrs. Burton, of Lima, are spending ten days with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wren, on Mt. Vernon avenue.

A little girl in saying her letters to herself last night was overheard to say: A stands for ax, B stands for boy, C for cat, D for dog, E for elk, F for frog, G for Gunther's—best candy on earth—and H for Hazen & Son.

SICK AND CONVALESCENT.

Mrs. Charles Click is convalescing.  
Joseph Sharp is recovering from a recent illness.  
Master Fred Kramer is muddled among the sick.  
The son of Gustave Heyde is ill with lung and throat trouble.  
Col. H. M. Stowe was up town today after a severe attack of quinsy.  
Mrs. Wm. B. Fisher is not so well, at her parents' home on Vine street.  
William Eckhart is much improved and was able to get down town today.  
Mr. George Dutt, living two miles south of the city, has been ill for the past few days.  
George Poland, who has been confined to his room in the Hotel Nordien for the past month, is able to get down stairs again.  
The 10-year old son of John Holinger is afflicted with a severe attack of rheumatism. The case is rather an unusual one, considering the age of the sufferer.

RAILROAD NOTES

Clem Hoover, agent of the Big Four at Anderson, Ind., was in the city today.  
It requires about 25,000 tons of coal a day to supply Big Four locomotives with fuel, so heavy is the traffic.  
Big Four trains No. 11 and 12 between Cincinnati and Chicago, yield the largest revenue the year around of any trains on the system.  
The Big Four has for 18 consecutive months shown a steady increase in the number of cars per train, demonstrating the marked improvement in the motive power.  
The Erie is to be reorganized early in January. The plan will go into effect early in the new year. The much talked of reorganization will make the Erie system complete between New York and Chicago.  
The new freight depot and terminals of the Big Four and the Chesapeake and Ohio, at Louisville, are equal if not superior to any of the terminals of the old lines entering that city. They are to be opened for business the first of the year.  
C. H. V. and T. caboose No. 20, in charge of Conductor Shepherd, has been draped in mourning on account of the death of C. E. Grouser, who was killed here Wednesday morning. He was head brakeman on Conductor Shepherd's run.

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In the days when Eugene Field lived in St. Joseph, Mo., T. F. Indermille of this city also lived there, and the two very much resembled each other and dressed much alike, though they had never met. One day, after both had been there more than a year and had been frequently mistaken for each other, they met in a public place.  
Mr. Indermille says he was somewhat astounded to see himself coming in at a door when he was really standing still. Approaching each other, Field said: "I know you. You are Indermille."  
"Yes," said Indermille, "and I know you. You are Eugene Field."  
They had some pleasant conversation and, it is said, became fast friends.  
One day Field burst into Indermille's place of business—they had now become partners—and said to him: "I am going to get a photograph for me. Some friends of mine want my picture, and I am so pleased to be here that I can't let it go. I will get it now."—Chicago Times Herald.  
The Game's Little Joke.  
"There's one thing certain"—  
A gentleman started the palm trees and the roses in his garden and in his house today.  
A lady who was a visiting friend, they were not married yet, but they were engaged to be married.  
For the twentieth time the lady repeated herself in the parlour and in the garden.—New York World.

MID-WINTER SOCIALS

ENJOYED BY MARION TIES AND THEIR FRIENDS IN THE COUNTRY.

The First Fall of Snow Being Utilized by Happy Young Folks in Search of Pleasure—Who Are Entertaining and Who Are Entertained.

The Twigs gathered at the home of Miss Iva Fish, of west Center street, Friday afternoon, for their customary semi-monthly meeting.

The meeting, like all its predecessors, was a most enjoyable one and fully up to the high standard set by other entertaining Twigs.

In the tastily decorated parlors the late afternoon hours were whiled away in playing the game of pedro and for a change fortune favored the hostess, who carried off the prize, a beautiful cut glass nappy.

After cards had been laid aside the members of the club partook of delightfully prepared refreshments which were served in the dining room.

The next meeting of the Twigs will be at the home of the Misses Wallace, of Gospel Hill, immediately after Christmas and that occasion is looked forward to with most eager expectations.

Miss Wilson Entertains.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Wilson, of south Main street, was the scene of a merry gathering Friday night, the occasion being a card party given by Miss Wilson to some of her more intimate friends.

Pedro was the game of the evening and the fortunate ones were Miss Hortense Cunningham among the ladies and J. E. Phillips among the gentlemen.

After the cards had been forsaken most elaborate refreshments were served and the entire evening was in all ways fully up to the standard of excellence set by previous social efforts at this charming home.

Aside from the hostess and her handsome and charming guest, Miss Zoa Leonard, of LaRue, there were present Misses Clara Louise Johnston, Hortense Cunningham, Smiley, Quigley, Madden, Nettie Quigley and Messrs. McPhail, Phillips, Crow, Allen, Barker, Geo. H. Uhler, Rapp and Egley.

The Full Dozen

That company of young ladies and gentlemen banded under the name of "The Full Dozen" were entertained at whist Friday night by Harry Barnhart, at the family residence on east Center street.

Since whist, as has been eminently made plain by Mark Twain, is a game of science it must be conceded that Miss Rosa Fahy and French Crow are superior in their playing to the other members of the club as they carried off the first honors among the ladies and gentlemen respectively.

Miss Fahy's prize was an elegant sterling silver souvenir spoon, while Mr. Crow received a beautiful copy of Hall Caine's "Destiny." Prizes went to Miss May Barker and Herman Blach but their elegance is not to be mentioned.

Choice refreshments were served at a late hour and in departing the club members voiced their pleasure at the entertainment afforded them.

The Marguerites Sleighride.

At about 7:30 o'clock Friday evening some twenty-five lovers of sleighing drove to the home of Charles McElroy, near Cochran, and immediately proceeded to make the elegant McElroy home ring with merriment. After an hour or more of amusement at games tally pulling was indulged in, when again the party repaired to the parlor. The clock had long told the hour of midnight before the party returned home. All agreed the Marguerites elegant entertainers. Those present were Ruth Gordon, Amy Key, Lizzie Nebergal, Minnie Smeltzer, Gertrude Zachman, Emma Dodge, Alma Hodges, Mabel Vaughan, Isabel Krause, Gertrude Scheff, Nellie Beyer, Will Virden, Fred Fogelson, Claude Gail, Cicero Zachman, Charles Peadon, Harley Simpson, Addie Osborn, Phil Rhul, Henry Kramer and Arthur Myers.

A Sleighing Party.

A jolly crowd of youths and lassies drove out to the Hazen residence at Woodland Friday night, and had a merry time, the evening being spent in playing all kinds of games and partaking of the choice light refreshments served, and the company did not arrive home until 2:30 o'clock this morning.

Those present were Misses Anna Blach, Emma Hawley, Mae Hasbeman, Josephine Johnston, Jennie Johnston, Lucretia Fatten, Ethel McMurray, Ada Merchant, Maude Young, Nellie Hazen, and Jack Fisher, Will Douglas, George Faust, Mark Chase, Albert Wosman.

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### SAT UPON BY REED.

BUT THE RASH MAN HAD NOT BEEN IN CONGRESS LONG.

Difficult Task of Making Up the Committee—Complexing Problems—Best Side of Men and the Worst—More Pegs Than Holes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—[Special.]—Making up the committees of the house is a difficult task. It grows more difficult every year, as the country gains in size and the political and personal competition becomes keener. Speaker Reed has had a hard time of it. He has had so many more pegs than holes to put them in that he has been compelled to sit up nights wrestling with the problem. During the period that he has been engaged in this task it has been interesting to watch the actions of the men most interested. The ordeal has proved to be a test of the best and the worst of human nature. One congressman made an open attempt to hinder the speaker by informing him that unless he (the congressman) received the committee to place which he wanted the delegates from his district to meet next year's national convention would be opposed to the nomination of Mr. Reed for the presidency. It is scarcely necessary to say that he was quickly sat down upon by the big speaker.

#### Went the Wrong Way.

This rash man was a new member and had come up to Washington with the idea that that was the way politics is carried on. He learned a lesson of which he evidently stood very much in need. By the time he knows that an open rank offense is a bid of defiance that could not be tolerated by any self-respecting man. If, on the other hand, he had induced his senator or some other influential person to go to the speaker and intimate that so-and-so, naming the congressman, seemed to be a rising man in his state, and that he already had his district safe in his pocket for congress, and everything else, and that perhaps he would make a good man for such and such committee, that would have been good politics and possibly might have produced the desired result.

Another congressman, and one of long experience in the house, set out deliberately to intimidate the speaker. He contrived to serve notice that unless his claims were recognized he would be very likely to make trouble on the floor at opportune moments. Mr. Reed was not much frightened at this coarse threat. He has had experience with such gentlemen in the past. But, having sincere respect for the ability and usefulness of the member in question, he has been brave enough not to take any action and it is understood the individual will be properly taken care of.

There are samples of the sorts of cases the speaker has had to deal with. Members are extremely eager to get assignments to good committees. The large number of new men in the house without previous experience has tended to add to the difficulty of the speaker's task. Senators and prominent men of the party not in public life have been brought in to use their influence with the speaker. Letters and telegrams by the hundreds have poured in from the friends of a congressman. The whole thing is a very serious matter.

Some of the most perplexing problems with which the speaker has had to deal are those growing out of rights of seniority. An instance, and perhaps the most puzzling one of all, is found in the chairmanship of the committee on appropriations, for which General Henderson of Iowa and Mr. Cannon of Illinois were rival candidates. They are both strong men, and either it was all along conceded, would make an admirable chairman of the great committee which parcels out Uncle Sam's \$200,000,000 a year. On considerations of personal merit it was difficult to choose between them. When their claims of precedence were considered, the committee members still were cloudy. In the last conference Henderson's name appeared at the top of the list of Republican members. According to one interpretation of the tradition, this gave him a prima facie right to the chairmanship. He is the senior Republican so far as the record shows.

But Mr. Cannon's friends came instant by force and pointed out that, as a matter of fact, he was the senior Republican, and not General Henderson, who has only 16 years in congress. Cannon had long felt up to the chin in the matter of precedence, and had been in the fight for it ever since he came to congress. He was a member under the name of Henderson, and as such he had the seniority. Cannon was not to be outdone. He had a long career simply because he had outlived his party in one election. They decided that there was no reason why he should be out of the chairmanship. Mr. Cannon's bid to be chairman was accepted, and that General Henderson was a member under the name of Henderson, and as such he had the seniority. Cannon was not to be outdone. He had a long career simply because he had outlived his party in one election. They decided that there was no reason why he should be out of the chairmanship. Mr. Cannon's bid to be chairman was accepted, and that General Henderson was a member under the name of Henderson, and as such he had the seniority.

With such strong arguments the speaker found it hard to work. Perhaps the hardest in all the committee work. Cannon's friends came instant by force and pointed out that, as a matter of fact, he was the senior Republican, and not General Henderson, who has only 16 years in congress. Cannon had long felt up to the chin in the matter of precedence, and had been in the fight for it ever since he came to congress. He was a member under the name of Henderson, and as such he had the seniority. Cannon was not to be outdone. He had a long career simply because he had outlived his party in one election. They decided that there was no reason why he should be out of the chairmanship. Mr. Cannon's bid to be chairman was accepted, and that General Henderson was a member under the name of Henderson, and as such he had the seniority.

With That Are Dark. Committee assignments have brought out the best as well as the worst side of men. I have seen men who have tried to pull down prominent members of their own state delegations, who were looking to be appointed to important chairmanships. They did this by aside remarks, by the bearing, by malicious hints, and their purpose, of course, was to improve their own chances by keeping the big players from falling to their state. In the distribution of chairmanships an effort is always made to recognize all the states, and as equitably as possible; hence when a big chairmanship goes to a given state the chance of the other members of the delegation getting what they want is thereby lost. It is a very serious matter.

with their national prospects. Still, the speaker has had to deal with the best of them.

MAJOR LOTHARPE, THE LOFEMBI.  
The Belgian Who Is to Be Court-Martialled for Hanging a British Trader.

Human life is cheap in darkest Africa. The native who is slaughtered there as if they were cattle. The heartless Arab slave traders murder a dozen captives as easily as they would shoot a deer for dinner. Even the Europeans who have been sent to Africa to aid the Congo Free State in suppressing the slave trade make slaves of the warlike natives who oppose them and treat their captives with barbarity. All about them human life is cheap, and they unconsciously take the same view. A case in point is that of Major Lotharpe, the Belgian trader who recently hanged a British trader named Stokes because he was selling arms and ammunition to the natives in the Congo country. Lotharpe is doubtless sorry now that he was so ready with the fatal rope. The Congo Free State has repudiated



his action, and he is to be court-martialled for the offense because the hanging is held to have been unjustified.

Lotharpe is described as "one of the most gentlemanly officials on the upper Congo." He is handsome, courageous and energetic, and the natives have a wholehearted respect for his prowess. He is a rigid disciplinarian, and when the warlike natives hear that he is at the head of an expedition designed to punish them for some cruel deed they bravely take to the woods. They call him "Lofembi," the name that is borne by a mysterious tribe south of the Congo river. As parties of natives fight fire with fire so the dreaded Lofembi checks murder with murder. Most of his pitiless reprisals are due to the obstinate manner in which the natives resent the introduction of laws designed to limit their slave-dealing propensities and to put an end to the murderous customs that were universal on the Congo only a few years ago.

## REACHING THE PEOPLE!

If there is an advertiser who hasn't made his full contracts, who makes his contracts on a business basis, we want his eye or ear. It is useless to talk to the sentimental advertiser. Our argument is a business one.

We Believe the Star, With Its Daily and Weekly Editions, Goes Into More Homes in Marion County Than All Other Marion Papers Put Together.

We do believe this. We know that honest advertising in the the Star brings returns. The best advertisers in Marion attest the Star's ability to bring returns.

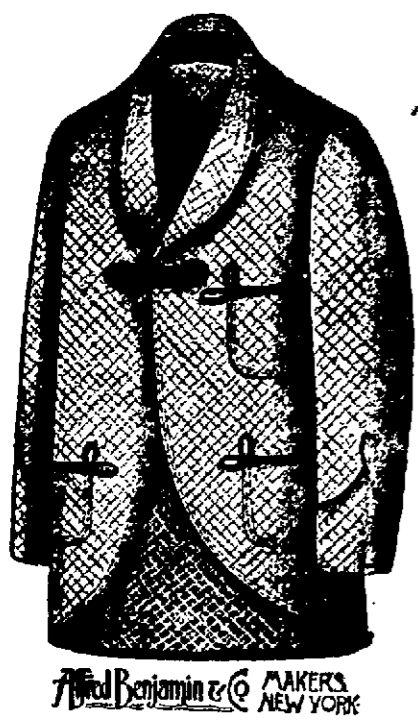
The business advertising deal is made for profit. It costs more to buy an ad in the Star than any other paper, but real circulation considered, it is much the cheapest.

We will be glad to quote rates and exhibit circulation records upon application. Get in line now. There's prosperity in the air this fall.

## The Star,

Phone 51.

229 E. Center.



# A Christmas Gift!

## THAT IS SURE TO PLEASE.

### GENTLEMEN'S SKELETON JACKET OR HOUSE COAT.

A coat made of an all-wool fancy checked cheviot without linings. Bound and trimmed with a heavy silk cord.

It is a garment made for solid comfort. An ideal lounging coat. Light, cool and easy. Price

# \$5.00

Our entire line of fine furnishings suitable for Holiday gifts is now in. The only store in Marion showing a complete line of up-to-date Gent's outfittings.

# Kleinmaier Bros., THE OUTFITTERS.

## THE DAILY STAR.

By W. G. HARDING.

Founded in 1877. Reestablished 1884.

ISSUED EVERY EVENING EXCEPT SUNDAY.

### TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION.

Single Copy - 3¢.  
Delivered by Carrier - 10¢ per week.  
By Mail, Postage Paid, \$4.00 per year.  
Weekly Edition - \$1.00 per year.

Entered at the Postoffice at Marion, Ohio, as second-class matter.

Persons desiring the DAILY STAR delivered to their homes can secure it by postal card request, or by order through telephone No. 51. Prompt complaint of irregular service is requested.

COUNTING ROOM TELEPHONE 51.

Advertising rates on application. The STAR guarantees its advertisers more than double the circulation of any daily paper in Marion or the Thirtieth Congressional District, and the largest weekly circulation in Marion County.

## SIXTEEN PAGES

In Two Parts.

Part One--8 Pages.

Part Two--8 Pages.

### Local News

On Pages 2, 4, 7, 10, 12, 13, 15.

## WITH ART SUPPLEMENT.

SATURDAY - - - DECEMBER 14

When Arizona urges her claims to statehood, it will not be amiss to say a good word about her climate.

The skin of a New York man has turned as hard as a board. What an excellent city councilman he would make.

The fact that Congressman Strong, of Kenton, wants a third nomination next year would indicate that, he is preparing himself for inevitable disappointment.

Kentucky's new governor declares he will enforce the law against lynchers. This is sufficient to indicate that Mr. Bradley's term of office will be full of busy days.

Herman Ahlwardt, who came to America to inaugurate a crusade against the Jews, has found the atmosphere very cold. Ahlwardt should go home, and get out of the draught.

If Mr. Bayard gets a bit of censure for his American Christmas gift, it will be just what he deserves. The once highly esteemed American statesman has had the rather exceptional misfortune to lose friends at home and forfeit better opinions abroad both at the same time.

The talk of a workhouse for the combined use of Northern Ohio counties is receiving much favorable newspaper comment, and the idea seems worthy of consideration. Marion has long felt the heavy expense connected with shipping offenders to Cleveland, and local officials are naturally reluctant when it comes to inflicting workhouse sentences for this reason. Marion would no doubt gladly take advantage of an institution of this kind for the punishment of its criminals were it accessible by less railroad travel than is now necessitated.

### SPAIN HAS MORE TROUBLE.

Poor, old, nervous and dyspeptic Spain. Pretty soon she will wish she had not discovered the Western World. Just at the right time to make the annoyance to Spain felt the most, comes the news that Porto Rico is going to revolt. It is said Porto Rico has issued its declaration of independence and will soon join Cuba in its struggle for liberty.

The news is most likely true. Rumors of such import rarely comes without foundation. Then it means a division of the resources of Spain, a better chance for Cuba particularly, and in the end probable victory for the little gem of the Antilles. This little island is separated from Cuba by Hayti and San Domingo. Its native population is over 300,000, the chief town being San Juan. Its principal articles of export are coffee, sugar and tobacco. It has 400 miles of telegraph and 12 miles of railways. The value of its imports into Spain is a little over \$4,500,000 annually, while the exports from Spain to Porto Rico are about \$1,100,000. Besides this Porto Rico sends rum and furniture woods to England, while England sends her cotton goods, linens and iron products. Left to herself Porto Rico would speedily be crushed by Spain, but taken in conjunction with Cuba a revolution would entail the dispatch of another expedition and an additional expenditure of money which Spain is poorly prepared to raise.

There is a pretty general feeling that congress will do enough if it first passes an amendment to the tariff law that will make a restoration of the wool duties. The high duties upon wool and woolsens in the law of 1890 produced an annual revenue of more than \$10,000,000. Nobody can safely predict what Mr. Cleveland will do with republican legislation for repair of the tariff. The chances appear to be that he will refuse his assent to any increase of duties. The test may be applied in the interest of wool and woolsens quite as prudently as in the interest of other articles. If he shall accept the decision of congress the work may be carried further forward. If he shall reject it and his veto cannot be overridden, then, at least, the Republicans will have demonstrated the sincerity of their purpose to supply both revenue and protection in conformity with their pledges and their principles.

The good reputation and high standing of Pennsylvania will not be impaired if the Cameron dynasty is ended. Pennsylvania has had a Cameron in the senate for more than forty years the son having succeeded the father. There is suspicion afloat that the great Keystone state has abler men.

Up to and including the hour of going to press Hon. David L. Sleeper and Hon. Alexander Boxwell were both confident of securing the speakership of the next Ohio house of representatives. Both were ahead.

It is estimated that 500,000 Armenians have been killed outright or left to starve to death. With this record presented to civilized countries it would seem less time would have been given the "sick man" to act.

The newspapers of the country seem to be of the unanimous opinion that the proposed retirement of Senator Cameron could take place without seriously affecting the welfare of Pennsylvania or the country at large.

Leap year being nearly here the Cleveland World pertinently asks if the new woman is ready to jump at the chance.

There is not a single presidential candidate but who is quite as willing to be nominated at St. Louis as in any other city.

Abdu Hamid, Sultan of Turkey, might avoid much annoyance if he would only go duck hunting.

### CHRISTMAS ADVERTISING.

The STAR presents today an exceptional array of advertising—probably more commercial advertising than has ever before appeared in any one issue of a Marion newspaper. It is a splendid showing for the STAR and for Marion. On the whole we believe our readers will find it very interesting reading. Keen merchants understand very well that at no other time of the year is money spent so freely as the ten days preceding Christmas, and it is in pursuit of a live and judicious policy to make the best possible bid to the buying public for this liberal trade.

Commercial advertising has developed wonderfully in Marion. The old time, uninteresting and useless advertisements—useless except to keep firm names in the minds of the people—of a few years ago has given way to live, well-written matter, sometimes light and catchy, often argumentative, price-naming and live bulletins. At this season particularly, advertisers are useful and interesting to the reading public because they help to point the way, offer suggestions that help to decide Christmas presents, and they interestingly point the way to close buying. Admitting the popular assumption that many advertising claims are extravagant, it may be safely asserted that keen business men will not attempt to fool the public, and in the everlasting hustle for business they do offer real bargains and name exceptional values to draw trade.

Next to Marion's great manufacturing industries rank her mercantile institutions. Factories afford the ground work, with our agricultural riches, of a live city. The mercantile beavers—if such a metaphor is admissible—are the ceaseless workers who advertise and spread the news of our greater attainments. Marion merchants, by extended advertising, have made Marion a shopping center for miles and miles of territory that is naturally tributary to other county seats. In expanding their business and telling the people of it they have spread the higher estimates of Marion and brought money in our midst. So the STAR repeats, aside from selfish gratification in the matter, that the exceptional array of advertisements in this paper not only afford interesting reading but reflect the live, energetic business spirit that is making a Greater Marion.

New York has a bicycle department added to the police force. Four wheelmen have been added to the patrol force. Their special duties are "on the wheel order," both protecting bicyclists and guarding against their infringement of the laws.

In Harry Hayward's case they hanged him and then proceeded to discuss his sanity. And in his particular case it seems that was the proper way.



A delicious dish of OATMEAL with the FULL FLAVOR of the BEST selected OATS can only be made with

# Friends' Oats

MADE OF THE FINEST OATS BY SPECIAL PROCESS.

YEARLY SALES 29,000,000 LBS.

SOLD BY ALL GROCERS

IN 2-LB. PACKAGES.

MUSCATINE OATMEAL CO.

MUSCATINE, IOWA.

The Upper Sandusky Union has nominated Hon. Michael D. Harter for the presidency, presumably to run on the democratic ticket.

Mr. Harrison's boom has engaged a good many rooms at St. Louis, a good many, anyway, for a boom that is in the passive state.

If you don't get your art supplement with today's STAR, kick for it. If your newsboy doesn't give you two parts of eight pages each, kick again.

If it is true that Coin Harvey has organized a new secret political party, we propose Altgeld, of Illinois, and Wat Hardin, of Kentucky, for membership.

Chicago's grief over losing the Republican convention was partially allayed by the satisfaction the Windy City had in knowing that New York didn't get it.

The Prospect Monitor gives a rather extended write-up of the advantages of Prospect as a place of residence, in its issue this week. Prospect is a pleasant and live place. Marion county is proud of her southern jewel.

The weather man seems to have taken a tumble to the fact that Christmas is near at hand. If he will continue the sleighing and old time winter weather until after Christmas he may draw at sight for a resolution of thanks.

High class stories are always in season and ever an interesting feature of a newspaper. The STAR takes some pride in affording its readers one today, by no less renowned a writer than Ivan Maclaren, the story of "A Footstep from the Unseen."

It is a Thirteen Club. On Friday, December 13, thirteen ladies met at the parlors of the Y. M. C. A. and organized a reading club. The unidentified note sent to the STAR says other ladies have signified their intention of uniting later. This somewhat dispels our fear that Marion was to surrender to the fad of having a Thirteen Club.

Just arrived, by steamer Normandie, a line of absolutely fresh nuts, English walnuts and paper shell almonds, etc.

J. H. SMITH.

10-W, S. to

A Wyandott John L. E.

(Upper Sandusky Chief.)

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Walter, who lived on north Seventh street, moved to Marion last Tuesday, where Mr. Walters will start in business for himself as blacksmith. Mr. and Mrs. Walter are excellent young people, and their removal is to be regretted. May they prosper in their new location.

N. Y. Saddle Rock oysters are packed only by the Empire Fruit company. The trade supplied daily.

19-17

Sheriff's Sale.

The north State street property of Chas. W. Smith was sold at sheriff's sale this afternoon, to Jacob Schoenbach for \$1550 under order of the common pleas court in the case of the Perpetual Building, Savings and Loan association of Urbana, against Smith and others.

Dr. J. H. Ethridge, of Chicago, who was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. W. S. Wells during the meeting of the General Ohio Medical society, returned to his home in Chicago, today. While here the doctor had a clinic before the society at its meeting at the Y. M. C. A. building Friday, which was a most interesting departure from the ordinary.

We have a splendid stock of fine black dress goods. A dress pattern makes an acceptable gift.

19-42 SEE FERRER BROS.

There is liable to be some trouble at Hotel Marion. This afternoon a man carried off the overcoat of W. J. Waddell and now Billy swears that he knows the man and that unless it is returned by night there will be trouble.

Special low holiday prices on dress goods during December at Seffner's.

Have you tried Marion's Favorite Flour, "Economy"? Grocers sell it.

### CHANGES OF TIME.

The New Cards for the North and South Roads.

The following is the new time card that goes into effect on the C. H. V. and T. Sunday: North bound—No. 31, 6:50 a. m.; No. 33, 10:25 a. m.; No. 35, 4:30 p. m.; No. 37, 10:20 p. m. South bound—No. 30, 5:35 a. m.; No. 32, 9:45 a. m.; No. 34, 1:15 p. m.; No. 36, 7:52 p. m. Trains 31 and 34 run daily except Sunday.

The new time card to go into effect on the C. S. and H. Sunday, gives the following arrival for trains at this place. There will be no Sunday trains: South bound—No. 1, 6:31 a. m.; No. 3, 12:25 p. m.; No. 5, 6:12 p. m. North bound—No. 2, 9 a. m.; No. 4, 1:12 p. m.; No. 6, 7:40 p. m.

For Sunday Schools. Candies and nuts at the very lowest figures. Call at J. H. Snider's, s, thas-wk2

### FORTY-SIX SHEEP

Killed by Dogs on the Holzer-Stott Farm, Thursday Morning.

Frank Smith, who is farming on the P. W. Holzer-Stott place five miles east of this city, was in town today and reported the killing of forty-six of his finest sheep by dogs, Thursday morning.

The sheep were not eaten but were fearfully lacerated in some instances being entirely disemboweled. One of the three dogs which did the killing was shot in the act of killing a fine ewe but the other two got away but not, however, until they had been tracked to this city.

"Yes, I buy all my coal of Haley Bros., for quality is good and weight true." 15et3

### M. E. Christmas Market.

Some one was heard to say a few days ago that it was not necessary for the M. E. ladies to advertise as much as they do, for everyone in Marion knows that a single announcement of a sale or supper insures their success. But the ladies believe in advertising well and will announce today that on Tuesday, December 24, 1895, at the dining room of the church, beginning at 9 a. m. they will hold a Christmas market. Everything in the line of good things to eat that you want for a first class Christmas dinner will be on sale, as well as home-made candies and a full assortment of aprons.

The ladies do not come before the public often now, therefore make greater preparations when they do and they hope that all old friends and many new ones will give them a call on that day. Watch this paper the last of next week and see what you want.

Fine line of ladies' umbrellas for Christmas at Martin & Wiley's. 1972

### Court Quota Officers.

Court (Quota, No. 1502, Independent Order of Foresters, elected the following officers for the ensuing year, at their regular meeting Friday night:

W. H. Warrington, C. D. H. C. R.; H. W. Keller, P. C. R.; C. F. Garberson, C. R.; Wm. Hoover, V. C. R.; J. T. Matthews, Rec. Sec.; J. P. Lutz, Fin. Sec.; J. R. Patten, Chap.; H. W. Keller, S. B.; C. C. Cleveland, J. B.; H. W. Keller, D. B. Morrill and J. T. Matthews, trustees; D. B. Morrill, representative to High Court; C. F. Garberson, alternate; H. L. Uhler and W. S. Wells, physicians.

### Church Dedication.

The fine new M. E. Church at Lakue is to be dedicated Sunday, and a large number from this place have signified their intention of being present at the dedicatory ceremonies. The church has just been completed and is an elegant structure.

Drake's livery, hack and baggage line. No. 128 S. State street. Prompt attention to calls for hacks for trains, parties or funerals. Phone No. 166. 1410

## Your Own Interest Dictates

To buy Dry Goods, Carpets and Ladies' Wraps where you can get the best value for the least money. Our selections for the Holiday trade are good.

### Just Opened

An entire new line of China silks for fancy work, only 25c—all silk.

### Ask

A new line of fine China Wash Silks in colors, for evening dresses, at 48c worth 65c.

To see our stock of Stamped Embroidery Linen—styles all new, with an entire new stock of Filo Embroidery silk at 3 1-3 cts. per skein.

Linen Cambric to make handkerchiefs, 36 in. wide, quality very fine, only 75c.

Linen Damask Towels from 5c to \$1.00 each. Ask to see our 20c Towels.

### Rugs.

We show the largest line in the city at the lowest prices, for the quality.

### Black Dress Goods.

We carry the very best makes, prices 12 1-2 cts. to \$1.25 per yard. All that is new and novel will be found in this department.

Figured Gros Grain Silks.

We have just opened a beautiful line. The new designs are just the thing for a Christmas present.

Fine Umbrellas in the latest style. Handles bought for Holiday gifts. Seeing is believing; 99c and upwards.

### Kid Gloves.

We keep the genuine P. Centemeri & Co. and Bush's patent new hook. Both are acknowledged to be the best Kid in the market.

### Table Linen

We have by the y. and also in fine H. S. table sets with Napkins to match. Fine H. S. lunch cloths \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

North Main St.

# D. YAKE

North Main St.

## SMOKELESS COAL

JUST THE NICEST YOU EVER SAW.

Also Pittson Egg and Chestnut, LeHigh Valley—all sizes, Scranton—all sizes, And Massillon, Raymond City, Sedalia and Hocking Coal

AT S. E. DeWOLFE'S.



# Noah's Ark,

with animals, will be sent, postpaid, to any address on receipt of three 2-ct. stamps. The animals are on cardboard—two and three inches high, naturally colored, and will stand alone. They can be arranged in line or groups, making an interesting object lesson in natural history. This offer is made solely for the purpose of acquainting moth "s with the merits of

Willimantic Star Thread  
Send for a set for each of the children. Address  
WILLIMANTIC THREAD CO., Willimantic, Conn.

## Buy Useful Holiday Presents!

Something to Beautify Your Home.

Our assortment is greater than ever before. The various lines were never nicer, never cheaper! Wonderful Qualities! Wonderful Values!

All-wool Carpets in Handsome Patterns	39c	Tapestry Curtains, new shades and elegant patterns. per pair	\$3.49	Silk Sofa Pillows, down fillings, silk top and bottom: embroidered	\$1.79
Tapestry Brussels, New Colorings.	48c	Rope Portieres, all sizes and colors: a nice one for	\$3.00	Silk Head Rests, large size, new shapes, silk.	79c
Nequettes in New Designs with border to match	85c	Silk Curtains in all grades: new patterns, new colors: a beautiful pair for	\$9.00	Barquet Lamps, 19 inch Rochester Lamp, all brass	\$1.68
Smyrna Rugs, large size, beautiful colors	\$1.79	Silk Mantle Scarfs: new colors: embroidered and silk fringe	\$1.88	Onyx and brass stem, with silk shade or globe	\$2.88
Nequette Rugs, 61 inches long	\$1.98	Silk Table Covers, embroidery and silk fringe	\$1.29	Onyx and brass stem, cast head, cast base, with line globe	\$4.73
Four Rugs, fine quality, large size, white or grey	\$2.19				

Fine Etchings and Engravings, with fine Mouldings and Frames in the new colors and patterns, at great reductions from previous prices.

# Landon & Ferguson,

West Center Street,

Marion, Ohio.

# DID YOU EVER SEE SUCH A GRAND DISPLAY OF

## Chinaware and Lamps

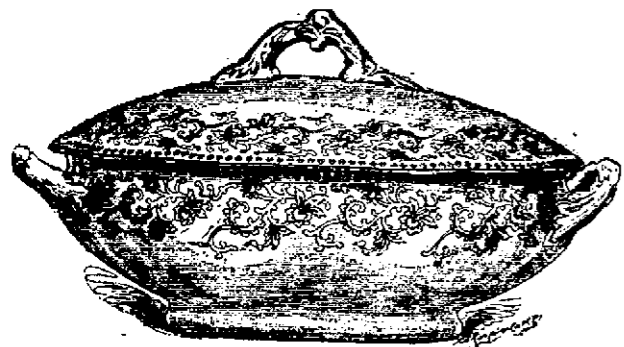
As is  
Shown at  
The People's Store?



For the past 15 years we have been headquarters for fine dishes and lamps in Marion, but this season excels all our former efforts in showing lovely China and Semi-porcelain Dinner and Oyster Sets, beautiful Washstand Sets and

### HANDSOME B. & H. PARLOR LAMPS.

A nice piece or set of Chinaware will please and make a more useful and FASHIONABLE HOLIDAY PRESENT than most anything else. We call special attention to our display of Blue Delph China and Wedgwood Ware, which is all the rage this year.

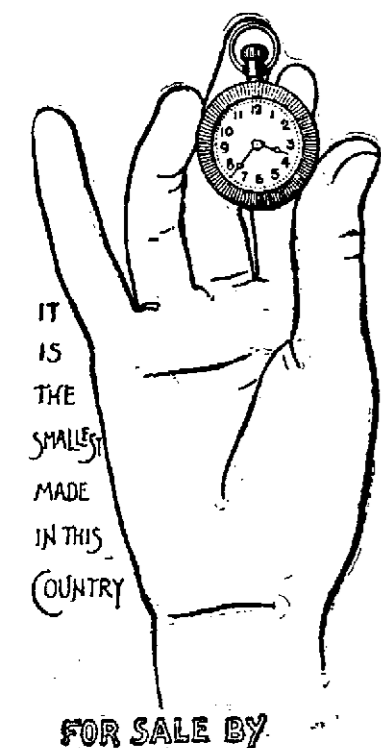


## BUY YOUR HOLIDAY PRESENTS AT THE PEOPLE'S STORE,

Markert & Schoenlaub, Proprs.

NOTE:—We don't offer any bogus baits, lottery schemes or fool catching inducements, but give you honest goods at bottom prices every day in the week.

### HAVE YOU SEEN THE ELFIN WATCH?



FOR SALE BY

TURNNEY.

### Real Estate BARGAINS.

FOR TERMS AND PRICES ENQUIRE OF FRED W. PETERS,

Office on N. Main St., over Deposit Bank.

A cozy residence of 7 rooms, close to the business center of the city, south of the residence of Mrs. M. A. Peters, on south Prospect street.

The residence of Mrs. M. A. Peters, on south Prospect street, containing 10 rooms and bath room, with all modern improvements.

A good business block on north Main street.

A tract of land, on Jefferson street, of 3 and 37-100 acres.

### Honestly Now,

Laying all jokes aside, who should the Marion public patronize for drugs?

### Why, Headley,

of course. He runs Drug Store Exclusively.

### DR. S. JONES,

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON.

Office in McWilliams Bldg. Over Blue Front Store. Office hours from 8 to 10 a. m., 2 to 4 p. m., and 7 to 9 p. m.

Dr. Jones makes a specialty of venereal and chronic diseases. Calls answered day or night.

FOR RENT—Several good houses at \$3, \$5, \$7 and \$7. Inquire at law office of J. & C. H. Bartram. 19-11

FOR RENT—Nicely furnished rooms in fine modern residence, convenient to business. Terms reasonable. Enquire at Barrett's store, 110 south Main street. 37-11

FOR RENT—Six and eight-room house, A. Barron, over Kleinschneider Brothers store. 19-11

FOR SALE—Three pleasant homes on east Church street, also two on south Main street, a bargain. House for rent. Call on G. H. Wright. 26-11

FOR SALE—Good house of ten rooms, 3 squares from the court house, being residence of late George Heale, will be sold at a sacrifice. Apply at office of Fred E. Galtrey. 68-11

FOR SALE—New six-room house and lot and vacant lot corner Bellefontaine avenue and Windsor street. Summer kitchen, filtered water, fixed price to sell it. Come and see me. KELLY MOUNT. 437 Bellefontaine avenue. 19-11

FOR SALE—A very desirable property in the heart of the city. Price was down. Must be sold. Great bargain. A. Barron, over Kleinschneider Brothers store. 19-11

WANTED—Girl to do general housework. Inquire of Mrs. C. W. Leffer, 25 south Greenwood St. 14-11

WANTED—Hundred pounds of old rags, clean muslin preferred. Will pay good price. Bring them to STAR office. 19-11

WANTED—Marion Manufacturing Co. script certificates. J. G. DEFFLER, Grocer. 11-11

WANTED—An agent in every section to canvass \$1 to \$5 a day made, sells at night; also men to sell simple goods to dealers, best side line in a month. Salary or large commission made—experience unnecessary. Clinton Soap & Manufacturing Co., Cincinnati, O. 29-11

#### LOCAL MENTION.

Skate at the rink tonight.

Christmas umbrellas at Seffner's.

There will be skating at the rink this evening.

New stock of beautiful Christmas handkerchiefs just received at Seffner's. 19-11

The Empire Fruit company, headquarters for oysters, can and bulk. wholesale. 19-11

Telephone No. 12 calls up F. E. Blake the florist and gardener, on Garden City pike. 137-11

The celebrated Maple Hill lump coal for sale by Linsley & Lawrence. Telephone No. 6. 43-11

C. L. Gilmore has just completed the building of a new dwelling house on George street.

Some of our best people have read "A Prince of Anhuac" and speak very highly of its merits.

Economy flour beats them all in price, and it's all right, too. Ask your grocer. All sell it. 14-11

The Marion Shirt Mfg. Co. makes any style and quality of shirt to satisfy the most particular. m.t.s

Remember we are closing out our entire cloak stock. Every wrap must go at some price. SEFFNER BROS.

Mr. Porter's book, "A Prince of Anhuac," is a worthy production. Every friend of the author should secure a copy.

Gieberman makes a specialty of liquors for family use. When buying liquors the wholesaler sells the best at the least money.

P. W. Holverstott was quietly celebrating his 54th birthday today. If a man is only so old as he looks, Mr. Holverstott is only fifty.

"Will you have a cigar?" said the major to a friend this morning. "Yes," the friend replied, "if you'll buy it at Hazen & Son's; they sell the best."

The Empire Fruit company, proprietors of the Empire brand oysters. All cans stamped with our trade mark and each can warranted solid fill. Ask your grocer for them. 19-11

Mr. Woodruff, of Cleveland, general agent of the Connecticut General Life Insurance company, is here looking up a local agent for his company and has appointed W. S. Bowers agent at this place.

### DR. A. MELVILLE CRANE

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON. Diseases and Surgery of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat. Especial attention given to fitting of Spectacles.

Office in Masonic Block, over Denison & Reese's, Marion, Ohio. Telephone: Office 121. Residence 27. 1-10 to 12-30 p. m. 1-10 to 3-30 p. m. 6-30 to 8-30 p. m.

### THE CITY IN BRIEF.

The new addition to the Huber offices were being moved into Friday. Only the lower part is ready for occupancy at present.

A daughter, bright as nice babies can be and weighing nine pounds, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Huntsman, on Forest street, Friday morning.

The polo team is considering a challenge from the team at Crestline for one week from today. The Crestline team will play two games here New Year's day if the local team will give them a game next Saturday night at their city.

It is very likely that Col. Charles Negley and family will remain in this city. Mr. Negley stated Friday that it all depended upon the disposal of some property in Union City, and if this could be effected he would take up his residence here permanently.

The Aid Society and friends of the State Street Baptist church met last night at the home of Mrs. Voorbees. A pleasant evening was spent and some tokens of appreciation and esteem were presented to the pastor, Rev. Alex. Bartley.

Jacob W. Miller returned Friday from Charlotte, Mich., where he had been for a few days experimenting with a Huber outfit in threshing beans. He had the satisfaction of reporting to the company a satisfactory test of the separator in doing this new class of work, a special cylinder being all that is required.

The Y. M. C. A. will give a public reception on New Year's afternoon. The building will be open all day, and open house will be kept there. The nature of the entertainment has not as yet been fully decided upon, but there will be music, games and the gymnasium will be thrown open to the visitors. The auditorium will also be opened and there will be some kind of an entertainment given on the stage.

A. M. Hutchinson has received a letter from Grand Secretary W. A. Sheahan, of the B. R. of T., stating that Hiram Reynolds' policy in that order was made out to Allen Reynolds, his father, and that Hiram Reynolds was expelled from the order May 1, 1895, for non-payment of dues. His insurance will be good if his death can be established before that date. Hiram Reynolds is the owner of the mysterious trunk found here. Mr. Hutchinson has written to his father at Somerset, Ky.

Canned Corn at 5 Cents. Just in, fifty cases of choice canned corn, the York state product, just as good as any ten-cent corn sold, which we will sell at 5 cents per can. Quantity to customers not limited. Come while it lasts. C. TURNER & CO. 18-11

Come One, Come All.

All members of Sosnowski Rebekah Lodge, No. 164, are requested to meet Saturday evening at 7:30 in I. O. O. F. hall to make arrangements for a Christmas entertainment.

By order of IRENE BEERBOWER, N. G.

For Sale.

House of 8 rooms, summer kitchen, nice lot; worth \$2500. Will offer for short time at \$1700. 1743 M. B. CHANE.

"Wine, red wine, in thee I pledge my faith." Good to pledge anything in when bought of Gieberman, 137 N. Main street. 11

The U. S. Gov't Reports show Royal Baking Powder superior to all others.

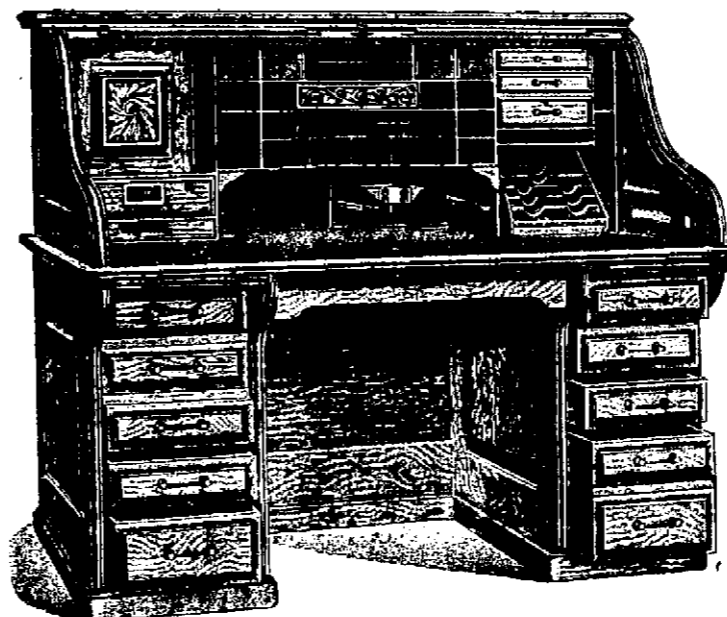
WM. FIES, HOLIDAY FURNITURE.

## GREAT HOLIDAY DISPLAY

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# CHRISTMAS EVE.

By ANNA KATHARINE GREEN.

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It was the last house at the end of Beaconchase row, and it stood several rods away from its nearest neighbor. It was a pretty house in the daytime, but owing to its steep, sloping roof and small bedchambered windows it had a lonesome look at night, notwithstanding the crimson hall light which shone through the leaves of its vine-covered doorway.

Ned Chivers lived in it with his six months' married bride, and as he was both a busy fellow and a gay one there were many evenings when pretty Letty Chivers sat alone until near midnight.

She was of an uncomplaining spirit, however, and said little, though there were times when both the day and evening seemed very long and married life not altogether the paradise she had expected.

On this evening—a memorable evening for her, the 24th of December, 1894—she had expected her husband to remain with her, for it was not only Christmas eve, but the night when, as manager of a large manufacturing concern, he brought up from New York the money with which to pay off the men on the next working day, and he never left her when there was any unusual amount of money in the house. But from the first glimpse she had of him coming up the road she knew that she was to be disappointed in this hope, and, indignant, slumped almost at the prospect of a lonesome evening under these circumstances, she ran hastily down to the gate to meet him, crying:

"Oh, Ned, you look so troubled that I know you have only come home for a hurried supper. But you cannot leave me tonight, for Teddie" (their only child) "has gone for a holiday, and I never can stay in this house alone with that."

She pointed to the small bag he carried, which, as she knew, was filled to bursting with banknotes.

He certainly looked troubled. It is hard to resist the entreaty in a young bride's upturned face. But this time he could not help himself, and he said:

"I am dreadfully sorry, but I must ride over to Parkbanks tonight. Mr. Pierson has given me an imperative order to conclude a matter of business there, and it is very important that it should be done. I should lose my position if I neglected the matter, and no one but Hasbrouck and Suffern knows that we keep the money in the house. I have always given out that I trusted it to Hale's safe over night."

"But I cannot stand it," she persisted. "You have never left me on these nights. That is why I let Teddie go. I will spend the evening at The Larches, or, better still, call in Mr. and Mrs. Talcott to keep me company."

But her husband did not approve of her going out of her buying company. The Larches was far too far away, and as for Mr. and Mrs. Talcott, they were middle-aged people, whom he had never

she murmured. But the words were low, and she was glad he did not hear them, for it was his duty to obey the order he had received. Then it was his duty to meet the position which it left her as brave as she could.

At first she was so natural that his face rapidly brightened, and it was with quite a good cheerfulness that he rose at last to let up the house and make such preparations as were necessary for her departure. He had the supper dishes to wash up in the kitchen, and as she was a fastidious housewife, she found herself doing a much of the work.

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fears when she suddenly heard the same sound at the kitchen door, followed by a muffled knock.

Flustered now in good earnest, but still alive to the fact that the intruder was as likely to be a friend as a foe, she stopped to the door, and with her hand on the lock stooped and asked boldly, enough who was there. But she received no answer, and more affected by this unexpected silence than by the knock she had heard she recalled far more and farther till not only the width of the kitchen, but the dining room also, lay between her and the scene of her alarm, when to her utter confusion the door shifted again to the side of the house, and the door she thought so securely fastened swung violently open as if blown in by a fierce gust, and she saw precipitated into the entry the bulky figure of a man covered with snow and shaking with the shock of a storm that seemed at once to fill the house.

Her first thought was that it was her husband come back, but before she could clear her eyes from the cloud of snow which had entered with him he had thrown off his outer covering and she found herself face to face with a man in whose powerful frame and cynical visage she saw little to comfort her and much to surprise and alarm.

"Up!" was his coarse and rather far from pleasing greeting. "A hard night, missus. Enough to drive any man mad. Pardon for the lying, but I couldn't wait for you to lift the latch; the wind drove me right in."

"Was not the door locked?" she cried, a kid, thinking he must have stayed in with his feet, that looked eminently fitted for the task.

"Not much," he chuckled. "I s'pose you're a bit puttable for that." And his eyes passed from her face to the comfortable bright shining through the sitting room.

"Is it refuge you want?" she demanded, suppressing as much as possible all signs of fear.

"Starve, missus—what else? A man can't live in a hole like that, specially after a tramp of 20 miles or more. Shall I shut the door for you?" he asked, with a mixture of bravado and good nature that lightened her more and more.

"I will shut it," she replied, with a half motion of closing this sinister stranger by a flight through the night.

But one glance into the swirling snowstorm deterred her, and making the best of it, running situation she closed the door, but did not lock it, being more afraid now of what was within the house than of anything that was now likely to enter from without.

"The man, whose clothes were dripping with water by this time, watched her with a cold smile, and then, without any invitation, entered the dining room, crossed it and moved toward the kitchen.

"Light! Light! But it is warm here!" he cried, his nostrils dilating with an air of enjoyment that in itself was repugnant to her womanly delicacy.

"Do you know, missus, I shall have to say here all night. Can't go out in that gale again; not such a fool." Then with a sly look at her trembling form and white face he insinuatingly added, "All alone, missus?"

"The suddenness with which this was put, together with the leer that accompanied it, made her start. Alone? Yes, but should she acknowledge it? World it not be better to say that her husband was up-stairs. The man evidently saw the struggle going on in her mind, for he chuckled to himself and called out quite boldly:

"Never mind, missus; it's all right. Just give me a bit of cold meat and a cup of tea or something, and we'll be very comfortable together. You're a slender slip of a woman to be minding a house like this. I'll keep you company if you don't mind, leastwise until the storm lets up a bit, which ain't likely for some hours to come. Rough night, missus, a rough night."

"I expect my husband home at any time," she hastened to say. And thinking she saw a change in the man's countenance at this she put on quite an air of sudden satisfaction and bounded toward the front of the house. "There! I think I have him now," she cried.

Her motive was, to go to him, and if possible to obtain the opportunity of shutting the money from the place where she had just put it into another and safer one. "I want to be able," she thought, "of saying that I have no money with me in the house. If I can only get it into my apron I will drop it out into the door into the snowbank. It will be better there than in any other bank." And dashing into the sitting room she made a feat of dragging down a hand from a screen, while she secret-

ly pulled down, she looked out. A swirl of snowflakes alone confronted her. She could neither see her neighbors, nor could she be seen by them. A shout from her to them would do no good. She was as completely isolated as if the house stood in the center of a desolate western plain.

"I have no trust but in God," she murmured as she came from the window. And, moved to meet her fate, she went back into the kitchen.

It was now half past 10. Two hours and a half must elapse before her husband could possibly arrive.

She set her teeth at the thought and walked resolutely back into the kitchen. "Are you done?" she asked.

"I am, ma'am," he leered. "Do you want me to wash the dishes? I can, and I will." And he actually carried his plate and cup to the sink, where he turned the water upon them with another loud guffaw, as if enjoying her discomfort.

"If only his fancy would take him into the pantry," she thought. "I could shut and lock the door upon him and hold him prisoner till Ned got back."

But his fancy ended its flight at the sink, and before her hopes had fully subsided he was standing on the threshold of the sitting room door.

"It's pretty here," he exclaimed, allowing his eyes to rove again over every hiding place within sight. "I wonder now—He stopped. His glance had fallen on the cupboard above her husband's desk.

"Well!" she asked, anxious to break the thread of his thought, which was fast ending up a denunciate expression to his giant but powerful features.

He started, dropped his eyes, and turning looked at her with a momentary fierceness. But as she did not let her own glance quail, he continued to look at him with what she meant for a smile on her pale lips, he subdued this outward manifestation of passion, and, chuckling to hide his embarrassment, began backing into the entry, leaving at her with what she felt was a most horrible glare. Once in the hall he hesitated, as it seemed to her for a long time, then he slowly went toward the garment he had dropped on entering and stooping down drew from underneath its folds a wicked looking stick. Giving a kick to the coat, which sent it into a remote corner, he bestowed upon her another smile, and still carrying the stick went slowly and reluctantly away into the kitchen.

"Oh, God Almighty, help me!" thought she.

But there was nothing for her to do but endure, so throwing herself into a chair, she tried to calm the beating of her heart and summon up courage for the struggle which she felt was before her. That he had come to her and only waited to take her off her guard she now felt certain, and rapidly running over in her mind all the expedients which were possible to her in her situation, she suddenly remembered the post which Ned kept in his desk. Oh, why had she not thought of it before! Why had she not herself gone and with her own hand taken the money from the cupboard above her husband's desk?

With a bounding step she crossed the hall and entered the sitting room.

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The ruse was successful. She was enabled to find the money in a mound of snow, where they would soon be covered from sight, and then relieved and feeling more courageous, now that the money was out of the house, she went slowly back, saying she had made a mistake, and that it was the wind she had heard.

The man gave a gruff but knowing guffaw and then resumed his watch over her, following her steps as she proceeded to set him out a meal with a justness that reminded her of a tiger just on the point of springing. But the inviting look of the viands with which she was rapidly setting the table soon distracted his attention, and allowing himself one gust of satisfaction he drew up a chair and set himself down to what to him was evidently a most savory repast.

"No beer; no ale. Nothing of that sort, eh? Don't keep a bar?" he growled, as his lips closed on a huge hunk of bread.

She shook her head, wishing she had a little cold poison bottled up in a tight looking jug.

"Nothing but tea," she smiled, astonished at her own ease of manner in the presence of this fearful guest.

"Then let's have that," he growled, taking the bowl he handed him, with an odd look that made her glad to retreat to the other side of the room.

"Just listen to the howling wind," he went on between the huge mouthfuls of bread and cheese with which he was goading himself. "But we're very comfortable, we two! We don't mind the storm, do we?"

Shocked by his familiarity and still more moved by the look of ravenous inquiry and curiosity with which his eyes now began to wander over the walls and cupboards, she took an anxious step toward the side of the house looking toward her neighbors, and lifting one of the shades, which had all been religious-

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bared pistols before and scolded Ned when he brought this one; she started to her feet and hid her hand into the drawer. But it came back empty. Ned had taken the weapon away with him.

For a moment a surge of the bitterest feeling she had ever experienced passed over her, then she called reason to her aid and was obliged to acknowledge that the act was but natural, and that from his standpoint he was much more likely to need it than herself. But the disappointment, coming so soon after hope, unnerved her, and she sank back in her chair, giving herself up for lost.

How long she sat there with her eyes on the door, where she momentarily expected her assailant to reappear, she never knew. She was conscious only of a sort of apathy that made movement difficult and even breathing a task. In vain she tried to change her thoughts. In vain she tried to follow her husband in fancy over the snow covered roads and into the gorge of the mountains. But imagination failed her at this point. Do what she would, all was misty in her mind's eye, and she could not see that wandering image. There was blankness between his form and her, and no life or movement anywhere but here in the scene of her terror.

Her eyes were on a strip of rug that covered the entry floor, and so strange was the condition of her mind that she found herself mechanically counting the tassels that fringed its edge, growing wrath over one that was worn, till she hated that sixth tassel and mentally determined that if she ever overthrew this night she would strip them all off and be done with them.

The wind had lessened, but the air had grown colder, and the snow made a sharp sound where it struck the panes. She felt it falling, though she had cut off all view of it. It seemed to her that a pall was settling over the world and that she would soon be smothered under its folds. Meanwhile no sound came from the kitchen, only that dreadful sense of a doom creeping upon her—a sense that grew in intensity till she found herself watching for the shadow of that lifted stick on the wall of the entry, and almost imagined she saw the tip of it appearing when, without any premonition, that fatal side door again blew in and admitted another man at once so ominous and so threatening that she scumbled in-tactly before him and forgot all her former fears in this new terror.

This second intruder was a negro of powerful frame and lowering aspect, and as he came forward and stood in the doorway there was observable in his fierce and desperate countenance no attempt at the simulation of the other, only a fearful resolution that made her feel like a puppet before him, and drove her, almost without her volition, to her knees.

"Money, is it money you want?" was her desperate greeting. "If so, here's my purse and here are my rings and watch. Take them and go."

But the stoic wretch did not even stretch out his hands. His eyes went beyond her, and the mingled anxiety and resolve which he displayed would have given a stouter heart than that of this poor woman.

"Keep the trash," he growled. "I want de company's money. You've got it—\$2,000. Show me where it is, that's all, and I won't trouble you long after I close on it."

"But it's not in the house," she cried. "I swear it is not in the house. Do you think Mr. Chivers would leave me here alone with \$2,000 to guard?"

But the negro, swearing that she lied, leaped into the room, and tearing open the cupboard above her husband's desk, seized the bag from the corner where they had put it.

"He thought it in this," he muttered, and tried to force the bag open, but finding this impossible he took out a heavy knife and cut a big hole in its side. Instantly there fell out the pile of

old money, with which they had stuffed it, and among these he stamped with rage and flung them in one great handful at her rushed to the drawers below, emptied them, and finding nothing, turned to the bookcase.

"The money is somewhere here. You can't fool me," he yelled. "I saw the spot your eyes lit on when I first entered the room. It is behind those books." He growled, pulling them out one by one, and hebered closer over the floor. Women! men! in the end he found it. It was behind the books, he said.

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MAYOR NICHOLS SENTENCES SALLY ENGLE TO THIRTY DAYS.

His Honor Says He Will Prescribe Similarly for All Like Cases—Naughty Females Better Watch Out—Police Court Notes.

Sally Engle is frail. She is a street walker, a wine room frequenter. Last Tuesday night a dance was given in North Marion. It was an informal affair and Sally was one of the most informal of the guests present. She looked upon the red liquor when it was served in the cup. Going to her mother's home Sally became boisterous. She tore pictures from the walls and kicked over and demolished the furniture. A warrant was issued for frail Sally, charging her with malicious destruction of property. Learning that she was wanted in police court the girl put in her appearance and before the mayor acknowledged her guilt and threw herself upon the mercy of the court. The mayor gave her one of his little confidential roasts, told her that he was getting up a class of girls of her kind and was going to establish a colony in the Forest City. This was Friday evening. This morning His Honor fined Sally \$5 and costs and imposed a sentence of thirty days in the workhouse. Then the mayor said he would send some more girls to Cleveland at the first opportunity, so Sally won't get lonesome.

Nine tramps were all that applied for lodging Friday night, and a colder lot of fellows were never turned loose than they were this morning when Officer Munsell opened the door.

The condition of Marshal Blain is somewhat worse. He is now obliged to remain in bed, and it will be several days before he will be able to go on duty again.

Officer Munsell brought up a tramp butcher that he found in one of the coaches in the C. and E. yards Friday afternoon. The butcher had gone through train 18 and begged the prize of a December jag. He had nothing in his pockets and was released this morning without breakfast.

Just received, per express, direct from New York importers, a large stock of fine Swiss embroidered handkerchiefs in exquisite designs.

19-12. SUTHER BRGS. A MARION BOY SLEEPS

While a Pullman Sleeper Companion Shoots Himself in an Adjoining Berth.

Ed Powers—nearly everybody in Marion knows that Ed is a Marion boy, a typical hustler with adequate push and sufficient nerve force to enable him to get to the top of column next pure reading matter. He is now in the employ of the Scripps League of newspaper publishers, in the advertising department, with headquarters at St. Louis.

Recently Ed has been sent to the far West in the interests of his employers and a few days since was making a trip between Cripple Creek and Denver. He was traveling in the night season, and took an upper berth in a Pullman sleeper. The motion of the train and the soothing influences of a clear conscience soon lulled the Marion boy to sleep. As the train bounded over the rugged, uninhabited territory beneath the starlit expanse of heaven, Powers slept on in undisturbed peacefulness. Nor did he awake until next morning, when the porter aroused him rather rudely and called his attention to the gruesome spectacle of a dead man lying in the berth beneath him.

The fellow had shot himself during the night. Powers was compelled to admit that he had not heard the shot that sent the soul of his neighbor of the lower berth into eternity, but he immediately congratulated himself that his neighbor had selected the revolver, route to commit suicide. Without the presence of the ghastly hole blown into the fellow's head the Marion boy might have been accused of having talked him to death, and there was no chance on earth of proving an alibi.

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## HIT OR MISS.

The Western Union Telegraph company has provided its office at the Huber works with an elegant oak stand and desk to match the new furniture purchased by the Huber people.

After listening to the whoops and yells of a double cutter full of young men last night a citizen remarked that but a limited number of drunks could transform Caucasians into Indians.

Miss Emma Uhler has returned from Oberlin, where she has been attending college, to remain over the holidays. With Miss Uhler's return another of Marion's young belles is present to add grace and beauty to the holiday social whirl.

The visitor at the court house no longer beholds the handsome Will Schultz. Will is now out at the brewery building looking after the details of business in the secretary's office and hasn't even enough spare time to ruminate over the possibility of a military band in this city.

Frederick Bancroft, well known throughout the Central states as a hustling life insurance agent, has given up a general agency of the New England Mutual and gone on the stage giving a \$100,000 presentation, as the bills say, of magic. Not much of a change, though, come to think of it—the same art is used in both lines.

Today Past Surgeon General Weeks, of the G. A. R., received a letter from Thos. H. Shirley, president of the 29th annual encampment, at Louisville, Ky., requesting him to reconsider his decision not to attend the "General Round Up," which occurs at Louisville, Dec. 19. General Weeks so endeared himself to the boys at the last encampment that his presence is thus eagerly sought at the round up, which will hear reports from committees from all the posts which attended the 29th encampment.

In the Christmas number of the New York Dramatic Mirror Fostoria, this state, runs a card which reads: "Fostoria, Ohio, a good town to tie to. Making new friends every day and establishing the reputation of being the best one-night stand in northwestern Ohio. You will be treated right and go away pleased." That's Fostoria in a nutshell—a good town to tie to—no danger of its moving and causing trouble, too dear for that and acknowledged to be the only town where troupes having played one night will be pleased to get away.

## WENDEA A BROKEN NECK.

Remarkable Surgical Operation by Cleveland Physicians.

Two Cleveland surgeons, Charles B. DeLeon and Samuel E. Kaestlin, have brought to a complete recovery Wendea Keidel, a 11 year old boy, who sustained a complete fracture of the cervical vertebra.

There is no case on record where this has ever been accomplished before. The textbooks tell of only two cases of even partial recovery. Both are English cases, and in the one the victim died after 14 months' suffering. In the other case death came after 15 years of pain.

The medical profession are unanimous in asserting that young Keidel is now as physically perfect as he was before the fracture of the vertebra.

The fracture he sustained is exactly the same as that which accompanies executions by hanging, where death is said to be instantaneous.

Keidel received his injury on Aug. 24, when he was run over by a heavy wagon. The wheel in passing over him doubled his head under his body, and the neck vertebra snapped with a sound like the crack of a whip.

Dr. Kaestlin was immediately on the scene. He fixed the injury at once, from the fact that respiration had ceased, the seat of the respiratory process being between the third and second cervical vertebrae.

Holding the boy's head so that the respiration returned, the doctor drove with him to the hospital.

Then Dr. DeLeon was called, and the two surgeons determined to throw prudence aside and enter into a struggle to save the boy's life.

Delicate operations were entered into, with the object of having the fractured vertebra knit, and then the boy's head was placed in an immovable iron cage. His body was also strapped down.

A month after the time of the accident the cage was removed, and the surgeons were amazed and delighted to find that their hopes had been entirely realized.—New York Sun.

Regrets.

Customer (paying check at restaurant counter)—That steak I ordered was a disgrace, sir! It wasn't fit for a dog to eat!

Proprietor—Very sorry, sir. Pray send it back and have anything else you choose to order, sir.

Customer—Oh, it's too late now; I've eaten it all!—Tit-Bits.

## A FLOW OF ORATORY

AND A BANQUET AT THE NEW KERR HOUSE FRIDAY NIGHT.

A Social Session and Banquet of the North Central Ohio Medical Society a Great Success—An Excellent Program Continued Until Midnight.

The social session and banquet given by the North Central Ohio Medical society at the New Kerr House Friday was an elaborate affair in every way.

After an hour spent in the parlors, an hour which was made pleasant by the very brightest social chit-chat and enlightening conversation of the members of the society and their guests repaired to the dining room where a splendid banquet awaited them and when in partaking of the good things prepared, the time was whiled away, by sweet notes of many beautiful selections on the piano being rendered meanwhile under an artistic hand.

The divine blessing was evoked by Rev. J. L. Hillman and then, after the feast for the body had been enjoyed for perhaps an hour, a feast for the soul followed.

The toastmaster, Dr. O. W. Weeks, in opening the oratorical flow said that he congratulated himself in being particularly fortunate in witnessing such an array of the distinguished representatives of the three leading professions, medical, law and the university, represented by the physician, the advocate and the clergyman.

He said that one pointed out the pathway to health and the comforts of the physical man, the second, his personal and property rights, protecting the innocent and bringing to punishment the guilty, and the third looking after his spiritual welfare in this life and the destiny of his soul in its flight into "that country, from whose borne no traveler returns," and closed by introducing Dr. A. H. McCollough, of Mansfield, president of the society.

Dr. McCollough responded to the toast "Medical Legislation," and among other things in his very bright speech, said that all other professions were protected by adequate legislation and so should also be the medical. For this reason it was that he was in favor of the Mosgrove bill.

The toastmaster next introduced Hon. J. F. McNeal to respond to the toast, "Law and Medicine." In introducing Mr. McNeal Dr. Weeks referred to him as standing at the head of his profession and as an advocate whose reputation extended far and wide. He said that Mr. McNeal was fitted to adorn any station in life and that as a speaker he could always be expected to say something good.

In responding Mr. McNeal said that the toastmaster had, by his introduction, spoiled his little speech and then going on naively stated that he hadn't learned much about medicine and that what little knowledge he had received on the subject wasn't palatable. Mr. McNeal made one of the happiest efforts of the evening and his talk abounded with stories and charming anecdotes which as illustrations were most apt.

Prof. J. H. Ethridge, of the Rush Medical college, Chicago, next responded to the toast, "Immunity from a Therapeutic Standpoint." His talk was clever and was highly enjoyable, not only to the members of the profession but to the guests as well.

Rev. J. L. Hillman was introduced and asked to respond to the toast, "Religion in Medicine." Rev. Hillman's response was a charming effort and among other things he said that the minister should look after the physical as well as the spiritual welfare of his flock.

Dr. A. Rhu was introduced as the Koch of the local colony of physicians. He responded to the toast "Prophylaxis." Dr. Rhu made a first rate talk and deserved the hearty applause which followed his effort.

Dr. W. C. Denman was on the program to talk on "The Druggist's Relation to the Physician." That he acquitted himself with honor goes without saying. In telling how and why the druggist and the physician should work together he was witty and his remarks were frequently interrupted by applause.

After the program proper had been carried out, the Mansfield contingent withdrew to catch its train but the flow of oratory was not stopped in the least. The toastmaster determined to have some free lance thrusts and called for impromptu addresses.

The first gentleman called on for a little talk was Dr. D. O. Weeks, who was asked to speak of the Marion County Medical society, of which he is the president. Dr. Weeks told in a clear and concise manner of the first local medical society, organized back in 1850 by Dr. True and others and then came up to the present society, making mention of the society which had intervened. He spoke of the present society as being strong and vigorous, not in numerical strength but strong in its membership of intelligent and thoughtful practitioners who keep themselves thoroughly equipped for any emergency and abreast of the rapid progress of the several branches of medical study.

Dr. Weeks' effort, which was a most able one, was followed by a forced talk by Dr. A. M. Crane on "The Doctor as a Collector." Dr. Crane was introduced as a physician with an unusually remunerative practice and the ability displayed by the doctor in his talk classed him as something of an orator as well as a first-class physician.

Dr. W. S. Wells then spoke on "The Home system of Government and told the value of the system what an incentive the awarding of prizes for

proficiency in studies in medical colleges had become to the student. Dr. Wells was warmly applauded for his talk and the talk was worthy of even more.

About midnight, in bringing the evening's entertainment to a close, the toastmaster refuted the charge that he had overdrawn the abilities of the toasting speakers in introducing them and ending by saying that he would be doing violence to his feelings did he not again mention the honor he felt in presiding over so dignified and intellectual a gathering as had been that of the evening.

Those present from a distance were Dr. A. R. McCullough, Dr. R. F. Crambaugh, Dr. John McLott and Mrs. Dr. F. J. Finley, of Mansfield; Dr. Baker, of Kirkpatrick; Dr. Alexander, of Little Sandusky; Dr. Britton, of Adelaide; Dr. Dickey, of Tiffin; Dr. J. I. King, of Martel; Prof. J. H. Ethridge, of Chicago; Dr. Duncan, of Bucyrus; Dr. Dumbaugh, of Waldo; and Miss McLane, of Chicago.

## AMONG THE CHURCHES

Y. M. C. A.

Men's meeting 3 p. m. in Junior room. The meeting will be led by Henry Meister.

State Street Baptist Church.

Sunday school at 9. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:00 p. m.

All are cordially invited.

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Sunday school, 9 a. m. Preaching, 10:30 a. m. Y. P. A. meeting, 6:30 p. m. Preaching, 7 p. m.

A. VANDERKAM, Pastor.

Free Baptist Church.

Sunday school, 9:00 a. m. Preaching, 10:30 a. m. Junior C. E., 3:00 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E., 5:45 p. m. Preaching, 7 p. m.

W. E. THOMAS, Pastor.

Reformed Church.

Sunday school at 8:15 a. m. German services, 10 a. m. Junior C. E. at 2:30 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:00 p. m. English services at 7 p. m. All are cordially welcome.

F. C. WYNNOFF, Pastor.

D. B. MACRIS, Pastor.

Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Sunday school 9:00 a. m. Preaching, 10:15 a. m. Preaching, 6:30 p. m. Both morning and evening sermon in English.

All are welcome.

A. L. NICKLAS, Pastor.

Christian Church.

9:00 a. m., Sunday school. 10:10 communion services. 10:30 a. m., farwell service. 2:30 p. m., officers' meeting. 3:00 p. m., Junior Endeavor. 6:00 p. m., Y. P. S. C. E. 7:00 p. m., preaching.

All welcome.

A. SKIDMORE, Pastor.

Epworth M. E. Church.

9:00 a. m., Sunday school. 10:30 a. m., communion service. 2:30 p. m., Junior League. 3:00 p. m., quarterly love feast. 7:00 p. m., preaching.

Rev. J. M. AVANA, D. D., presiding elder, will be with us at all these services.

J. L. HILMAN, Pastor.

St. Paul's Church.

Third Sunday in Advent, Dec. 15. 9:00 a. m.—Sunday school. 10:30 a. m.—Morning service, literary, sermon, etc. 7:00 p. m.—Evening service with sermon or address.

7:30 a. m. Holy Eucharist. N. B. Choir rehearsed this Saturday evening in the church at 6:15. Full attendance requested.

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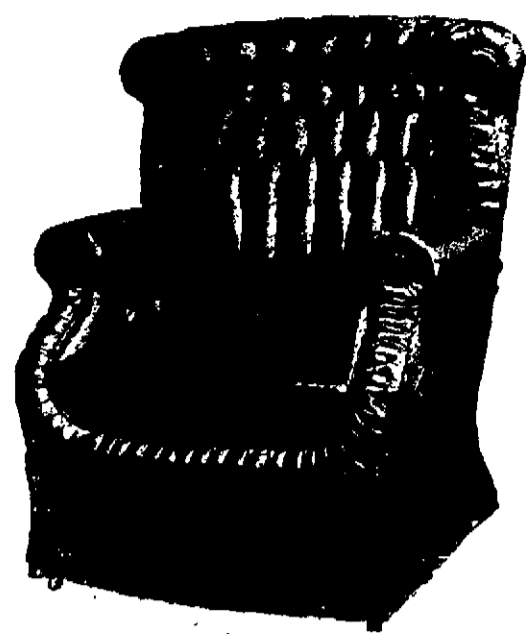
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Men's all-linen Handkerchiefs at 15c.  
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